

Schedule of General Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations made and action in response

Meeting	item	Recommendations	Action	Status
10 June 15	Executive Response – Review of lease restructuring with Hereford United	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) the Executive’s responses be noted;</b>		Completed
	Executive Response – Balfour Beatty Living Places – Public Realm Services	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) the Executive’s responses be noted; and</b> <b>(b) a briefing note on progress with the responses to the task and finish group report on Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services be provided within six months.</b>	Briefing note on customer contact statistics issued 8 September 2015.  Briefing note on highway maintenance plan to be issued September 2016. A further update on the Public Realm actions potentially required	Completed  ongoing
	Task and Finish Group Report – Development Management Planning	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) Subject to the amendments to recommendations 1, 12 and 18 above, the report of the task and finish group on Development Management (Planning) be agreed for submission to the Executive; and</b> <b>(b) The Executive’s response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the Executive has approved its</b>	Submitted to executive  Reported to Committee 21 July 2015. Update	

		<b>response.</b>	issued via briefing note on 18 December 2015.  Further update to be issued for 26 July 2016.	Completed
	Work Programme	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) the draft work programme, as amended, be noted;</b> <b>(b) a task and finish group on the smallholdings estate be established to undertake the work outlined in the draft scoping statement; and</b>  <b>(c) scrutiny activity on football provision be considered at a future meeting.</b>	Group established and work completed.  Report scheduled for November 2016	Completed  ongoing
21 July 2015	Executive Response to Committee Recommendations on School Examination Performance	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) the Executive response be noted; and</b>  <b>(b) a briefing note be prepared on the Herefordshire Food Strategy and its linkages to schools.</b>	Briefing note issued 18 December 2015	Completed
	Executive Response to the Task and Finish Group Report on Development	<b>RESOLVED: That</b> <b>(a) the draft Executive response be noted; and</b>  <b>(b) a briefing note on progress with the response</b>		Completed

	Management (Planning)	<b>be provided within six months.</b>	Update issued 18 December 2015	
30 September 2015	The Development of a Schools Capital Investment Strategy	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  <b>That it be recommended to the executive that the Schools capital investment strategy principles:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. include reference to the need to be responsive to anticipated growth and reductions in communities, including the key role of local schools in the sustainability of growth villages in Core Strategy policies RA1 and RA2;</b></li> <li><b>2. (within principle 8) take school journey distance, mode and time into account, not only in terms of environmental and transportation impacts but also the effect of journey times on pupils, with schools encouraged to keep school travel plans up-to-date;</b></li> <li><b>3. recognise what schools can and should offer, outside school hours, to local communities – such as libraries, information hubs, meeting venues, open space etc.;</b></li> <li><b>4. provide assurance that the authority would provide backing and support for academies to make bids for central funding to improve infrastructure;</b></li> <li><b>5. include consideration of county boundary transitions, including dialogue with adjoining authorities to ensure that provision was not</b></li> </ol>	<p>Incorporated into strategy and being taken forward in its implementation on a local area basis.</p> <p>Briefing note issued 18 December giving further information on school places and travel plans.</p>	Completed

		<p><b>considered in isolation;</b></p> <p><b>6. clarify how the authority would assure itself that ‘There would be an appropriate number of faith places’ (principle 3); and</b></p> <p><b>7. revise principle 11 e. to ‘Participatory budgeting as a means of enabling local communities to assist in supporting a local school’.</b></p>		
	Work Programme	A briefing note be prepared on digital issues.	tbc	Ongoing
27 October 2015	Task and Finish Group Report – Smallholdings Estate (County Farms)	<p><b>RESOLVED: That</b></p> <p><b>(a) That the report and recommendations of the task and finish group: smallholdings estate (county farms) be agreed for submission to the executive subject to:</b></p> <p><b>i. the removal of Councillor Harvey’s name from the group’s composition (page 3 of the report);</b></p> <p><b>ii. the deletion of option b) from recommendation 1 (page 13); and</b></p> <p><b>iii. the removal of the words ‘on the remaining estate should be let’ from recommendation 5 (page 14).</b></p> <p><b>(b) The executive’s response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the executive has approved its response.</b></p>	<p>Submitted to the Executive</p> <p>Briefing note including response issued 18 December 2015</p>	Completed

17 November 2015	Budget and medium Term Financial Strategy – Draft prior to Funding Announcement	<b>RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Cabinet that consideration be given to the merits of a rise in council tax of more than the 1.9% cap, with consideration given to the best mechanism for advancing this should Council agree to this measure reflecting the wishes of the significant response to the priorities and budget consultation, particularly in relation to retention of specific non-statutory services.</b>	Council did levy an additional 2% precept at in respect of adult social care in response to a Government initiative.	Completed
19 January 2016 (am)	Update on home to School Transport Provision	<b>Resolved That: A) The relevant officers work to produce a briefing note on home to school transport to present to the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee for July 2016 B) The item be returned to the scrutiny committee for another annual review in January 2017 C) It be investigated what other scrutiny activity would be of benefit regarding home to school transport</b>	Briefing note issued July 2016. Listed in Work programme. To be reviewed in January 2017.	Completed  Completed  ongoing
	Local Transport Plan	<b>Resolved that: The following recommendations be put to cabinet regarding the Local Transport Plan: A) A recommendation be made that the Local Transport Plan (LTP) be subject to a review every five years in accordance with Department for Transport guidance B) LTP4 Vision to be amended to include the objective “and reduce congestion and increase</b>	Reported To Cabinet. Confirmed at Council on 20 May that recommendations would be reflected in Plan.	Completed

		<b>accessibility by less polluting and healthier forms of transport than the private car.”</b>		
19 January 2016 (pm)	Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Related Performance	<b>RESOLVED:</b> <b>a) it be recommend that an all member briefing be arranged on the CSP and related matters including the office and Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, the Superintendent of Herefordshire and other CSP partners.</b>  <b>b) that the chair and vice chair investigate what areas of the CSP it may be of benefit to conduct further scrutiny work.</b>	Briefing provisionally arranged but postponed following Police and Crime Commissioner elections.  Proposed to be rearranged in the autumn.	Ongoing
8 March 2016	School Examination Performance	<b>Resolved that:</b> <b>a) The committee makes recommendations to cabinet on how they might improve the efficiency of the school improvement framework and strategy, especially in relation to governance in light of likely reduced resourcing in future.</b> <b>b) Council responsibilities for education are clarified and sufficiently resourced. Additionally, that the monitoring of governing bodies in meeting performance standards also be sufficiently resourced. Should the Director at any time find that resources are not sufficient, this must be reported to Cabinet and the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee at once.</b>	The council responsibilities form part of the Herefordshire School Improvement Framework and are based on statutory duties.  Further consideration of the role and resourcing of the local authority will form part of the local authority's response to the national consultation on	ongoing

		<p><b>c) A briefing note be produced in regard to authorised absences to inform future recommendations of the committee.</b></p> <p><b>d) The committee consider the findings of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s early years provision task and finish group in relation to referral rates for speech and language development.</b></p> <p><b>e) The committee’s suggestions in regard to the teaching of phonics be brought to the attention of the early years task and finish group reporting the health and social care overview and scrutiny committee.</b></p>	<p>schools funding formula 2016 and the further national work on the roles and responsibilities of councils in relation to education</p> <p>(d and e have been done)</p>	
	<p>Marches Local Enterprise Partnership</p>	<p><b>Resolved: That</b></p> <p><b>(a) the committee commend and encourage further the engagement of small businesses within the activity of the Marches LEP.</b></p> <p><b>b) The work of the Marches LEP in cooperation with neighbouring and other Local Enterprise Partnerships, in particular the equivalent bodies across national borders be encouraged.</b></p> <p><b>c) That the Marches LEP ensure that the delivery of accounts and reporting is made more clear and the availability of such documentation to the public is ensured.</b></p> <p><b>d) That the committee recommend to the board of the Marches LEP that a</b></p>	<p>2015/16 accounts are in process of being completed and will be placed on the LEP website. Draft accounts will be going to the LEP</p>	<p>ongoing</p>

		<b>summary of accounts be published in conjunction with the annual report on the activity of the Marches LEP.</b>	Board on 3 August. Annual report published with Marches Enterprise joint Committee papers on 31 May 2016.	
4 May 16	Suggestions from the public	<b>RESOLVED: That a working party be set up by officers to discuss the detail of the issues surrounding the definitive Map</b>	The Chairman will be meeting with the Chairman of the Local Access Forum over the summer to discuss the approach to taking this forward.	ongoing
	Task and Finish Group Report – Community Infrastructure Levy	<b>RESOLVED that:</b> <b>(a) the report of the task and finish group: community infrastructure levy be approved and the findings be submitted to the executive</b> <b>(b) the recommendations of the task and finish group: community infrastructure levy be approved as follows:</b>  <b>Recommendation 1: The ‘Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule’ be carried forward unchanged as the ‘Draft Charging Schedule’;</b> <b>Recommendation 2: Urgent consideration be given to the need for a robust governance structure to be developed for the administration of CIL in advance of CIL being adopted;</b> <b>Recommendation 3: That Parish Councils be</b>	Submitted to Executive.	Response awaited from the executive.

		<p>supported by clear advice to assist with the implementation of the CIL charging process prior to any collected CIL monies being spent;  <b>Recommendation 4: That the CIL charging schedule and its implementation be kept under review.</b></p> <p><b>(c) subject to the review being approved, the executive’s response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the executive has approved its response.</b></p>		
26 July 2016	Economic Master Plan	<p><b>the cabinet member–economy and corporate services be invited to consider the following recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consideration be given to ways of pooling ideas for economic development through less structured approaches such as a think tank.</b></li> <li>• <b>An inventory should be made of the County’s strengths and opportunities for synergy be then identified.</b></li> <li>• <b>Clarity should be sought as to how the planning framework accommodates farm diversity proposals, for example in relation to semi-permanent structures such as log cabins and whether that framework is appropriate.</b></li> <li>• <b>The invitation to a GOSC member to participate in meetings with chief executive, director and cabinet member on the development of the Masterplan be accepted.</b></li> <li>• <b>The further report proposed to be submitted to the committee in September 2016 should include highlights of lessons learned in relation to the implementation of the 2011-16 economic development plan and how these</b></li> </ul>	Submitted to the executive for consideration.	

		<p>might inform the development of the new Masterplan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There should be cross-party engagement and engagement with all Members in developing the Plan.</li> <li>• An alternative word to masterplan should be found to describe the plan.</li> <li>• The plan should take account of the value of the arts and tourism to the County's economy.</li> <li>• Consideration should be given to how best to maximise the promotional opportunities for Herefordshire. and</li> </ul> <p>(b) consideration of the draft economic masterplan be added to the committee's work programme for September 2016 together with an annual review of the effectiveness of the plan thereafter.</p>	Report on agenda for 27 September.	
	Communication Strategy	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b>  That (a) the communication protocols be subject to further clarification and consideration and a further report on them made to the Committee; and  (b) that, subject to a above, the following recommendations be made to inform cabinet's consideration of the strategy communication strategy with associated communication protocols for the period 2016-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the use of a chat facility on the website should be pursued taking into account how an operator's time can most effectively be used;</li> <li>• the opportunity for the community to</li> </ul>	<p>Report made to Committee on 5 September.</p> <p>Matters referred to Cabinet for consideration.</p>	

		<p><b>interact on-line quickly and easily should be fully explored;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>clarification be provided as to how it is intended to implement the “spend within our means” approach outlined in section 3 of the strategy at appendix 1 to the report at p41 of the agenda papers: “making tough but necessary choices which will include ceasing to provide some services and working with communities to help them run services important to them”;</b></li> <li>• <b>the wording of paragraph 5.13 of appendix 2 to the report relating to the access of the press to premises be reviewed and clarified.</b></li> </ul>		
5 September 2016	Four Year Financial Settlement	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>That</b></p> <p><b>(a) in order to make a recommendation on whether or not to accept the 4 year funding settlement a further meeting should be convened to consider alternative options including information from comparator authorities; and</b></p> <p><b>(b) Cabinet be recommended to consider the points made by the Committee and the further information the Committee considered was required in order to make a recommendation to full Council on whether or not to accept the four year funding deal.</b></p>	<p>Further meeting arranged for 19 September.</p> <p>Report made to Cabinet on 21 September.</p>	Completed
	Statement of community involvement consultation, communications and programme to adoption	<p><b>RESOLVED: That Cabinet be recommended to consider amending the revised draft statement of community involvement to take account of the amendments proposed in the above table.</b></p>	Scheduled for consideration by Cabinet later in the year.	

	<p>Communication Protocol for Members</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED: That cabinet be recommended that further consideration be given to the following matters in relation to the communication protocol for members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In relation to paragraph 3.1 of the protocol further clarification was needed on when it was appropriate to use the word “Council” in communications when referring to such matters as Council policy and when further distinction was needed between a decision taken at full Council and a decision taken by an individual cabinet member or an officer.</li> </ul>	<p>Report on Cabinet agenda for 21 September.</p>	
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