

**Report to:** Children' Services Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 2 March 2018

**By:** Chief Executive

**Title:** Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources

**Purpose:** To review scrutiny's input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process during 2017/18.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- 1) Review its input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process;**
  - 2) Identify any lessons for improvement of the process in future; and**
  - 3) Note the response to the RPPR Board's comments on the budget.**
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### **1 Background**

1.1 Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR - i.e. aligning the Council's budget setting process with service delivery plans) has established an effective and transparent business planning process.

1.2 Scrutiny committees actively engage in the process, firstly to allow them to bring the experience they have gained through their work to bear and, secondly, to help inform their future work programmes.

### **2 Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources and scrutiny in East Sussex**

2.1 In September 2017 each scrutiny committee considered extracts from the *State of the County* report and the existing departmental savings and Portfolio Plans. Requests for further information or reports were made to help the scrutiny committee gain a full understanding of the context for budget and service planning.

2.2 The scrutiny committees established scrutiny boards to provide a more detailed input into the RPPR process. These met in December 2017 to consider the draft 2018/19 Portfolio Plans and the impact of proposed savings. The boards:

- considered any amendments to the Portfolio Plans and how priorities were reflected against the proposed key areas of budget spend for the coming year;
- assessed the potential impact of proposed savings on services provided to East Sussex County Council customers.
- made comments and recommendations to Cabinet on the budget proposals for 2018/19.

2.3 Appendix 1 summarises the comments and recommendations made by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee RPPR Board to Cabinet together with the response where appropriate.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The committee is recommended to review its input into the RPPR process, establish whether there are lessons for improvement for the future and to note the response to comments made by the RPPR Board. Where relevant, comments relating to the RPPR process will also be fed into the ongoing review of scrutiny arrangements in East Sussex.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

All.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

NONE

APPENDIX

Appendix 1. Comments and recommendations made by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee RPPR Board together with the response where appropriate.