

Report to: **Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date of meeting: **15 March 2016**

By: **Chief Executive**

Title: **Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources for 2016/17 and beyond**

Purpose: **To review scrutiny's input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) process during 2015/16**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- 1) Review its input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process; and**
  - 2) Identify any lessons for improvement for the process in future.**
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### **1 Background**

1.1 Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (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 (RPPR) and scrutiny in East Sussex**

2.1 In September 2015 each scrutiny committee considered extracts from the *State of the County* report and the departmental savings and Portfolio Plans. Requests for further information or reports were made to help the scrutiny committee evaluate proposals made in the respective Portfolio Plans.

2.2 The scrutiny committees established scrutiny boards to provide a more detailed input into the RPPR process. These met in December 2015 to consider the draft portfolio plans and the impact of proposed savings. The boards:

- considered any amendments to the Portfolio Plans and how they were being delivered against the proposed key areas of budget spend for the coming year;
- assessed the potential impact of these savings on services provided to East Sussex County Council customers.
- In addition the Audit, Best Value and Community Services RPPR Board carried out separate pieces of work on the Orbis Business Plan, Libraries' Transformation Programme and the Marketing and Communications Team.

2.3 Appendix 1 summarises the comments and recommendations made by the Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee RPPR board to Cabinet.

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

3.1 The committee is recommended to review its input into the RPPR process and in particular to establish whether there are lessons for improvement for the future.

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All.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Comments and recommendations made by the Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee RPPR board.