

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

ORBIS JOINT COMMITTEE



DATE: 18 JULY 2016

LEAD OFFICER: KEVIN FOSTER (CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL) AND JOHN STEBBINGS (CHIEF PROPERTY OFFICER, SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL)

SUBJECT: ORBIS SAVINGS PLANS

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To provide an update to the Joint Committee on development of plans to realise the benefits specified in the Orbis business plan, including savings for 2017/18.

INTRODUCTION

The Orbis partnership will be responsible for delivering services from a joint operating budget. The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) details the responsibilities of the Joint Committee in respect of the Joint Operating Budget and specifies the services included in the Partnership.

The Joint Operating Budget needs to be managed and monitored effectively to ensure good financial management in line with both East Sussex County Council's (ESCC) and Surrey County Council's (SCC) expectations and to ensure that benefits are tracked and realised.

Work has been progressing to create detailed plans that highlight the areas where savings in 2016/17 and 2017/18 will be achieved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Orbis Joint Committee:

- i. Notes the development of plans for delivering the required savings in 2017/18.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee is responsible for ensuring the sound financial management of the partnership, overseeing delivery of the business plan, as well as monitoring delivery of benefits and investment.

DETAILS:

1. To ensure that the benefits of the Orbis business plan can be delivered, it is imperative that robust plans are created to understand how and when savings will be realised.

2. It is recognised that planning now for benefits that need to be delivered in 2017/18 is prudent and will provide assurance to both the Joint Committee and Senior Officers that benefits will be achieved.
3. Further information on the savings plan is contained in item 13 in part 2 of the agenda.

<u>WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:</u>

4. The plans for savings in 2017/18 will be further developed and the position reported back to Joint Committee in October 2016.
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Appendices:

None

Sources/background papers:

- Orbis Inter Authority Agreement
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