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## **Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee**

**3 December 2020**

### **West Sussex: Reset Plan**

#### **Report by Director of Law and Assurance**

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### **Summary**

Cabinet in November received a report (Appendix A) from the Leader presenting the draft West Sussex Reset Plan. This version was developed through engagement with officers and partners building on the framework approved by County Council in July. The views and additional ideas of all members were sought at a session on 12 November 2020. Work has yet to be done to incorporate input from the day into a further iteration of the plan and this may not be finalised ahead of its presentation to Council on 11th December.

The other critical piece of work to be carried out is the drafting of measures or key performance indicators by which the proposed new priorities and outcomes are to be assessed. The final plan, including measures, will be presented to County Council alongside the budget for approval at County Council in February 2021.

During January it is expected that each of the service scrutiny committees will be able to focus attention on the priorities and outcomes specific to their area of council business and to consider how scrutiny of performance may best be achieved and it is hoped that this will inform the proposals for performance measures for inclusion in the plan's final draft.

As the plan has yet to emerge in its final draft and has some way to go before presentation to full Council in the new year it is not ready for scrutiny. It is significant however that the future role of scrutiny in relation to the performance management of the Council's agreed outcomes and measures has yet to be debated or settled. The Committee is asked by the Cabinet to lead that task and to help the service scrutiny committees to provide their input to the final draft.

The Committee is asked to consider the expectations and principles which should drive scrutiny of corporate performance and how scrutiny committees can be supported in that task and in their contribution to setting performance measures.

### **Focus for scrutiny**

The Committee is asked to consider the draft plan attached as Appendix A and focus on the following areas for discussion:

- What does good monitoring of the Reset Plan look like?
- Are there any principles or expectations which should guide scrutiny of the outcomes of the Reset Plan?

- What support do you as scrutiny members need to assist you in scrutinising the outcomes of the Reset Plan?

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

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## **1. Background and context**

- 1.1 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached report considered at the Cabinet meeting in November. As this is an internal overview report for the scrutiny committee the Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessments will be addressed as part of the overall Reset Plan and within individual projects and work streams.

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## **Appendices**

Annex West Sussex Reset Plan decision report - as presented to Cabinet on 24 November

Appendix A Draft Reset Plan

Appendix B Timeline

## **Background Papers**

None