
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

10 September 2020

West Sussex: Reset and Reboot

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

County Council in July received a report (Appendix A) from the Leader setting out a framework for the Reset and Reboot of the West Sussex Plan. It will develop into a new set of plans and outcomes for the year 2021/22. Work with Members will follow in the Autumn using initial outline plans each service will develop. A further iteration of the plan is due to be brought to Council for review in December.

The outline for the reset is based on work with Members, learning from Covid-19 and the main service improvement work underway – showing that the aims of the previous plan have been overtaken by events. The outline of reboot covers how these revised outcomes will be achieved and what changes may be required to how business is delivered and how the Council is organised and governed.

The Chief Executive will provide the committee with a verbal update on the activity and its planning, including member involvement as there has been no substantive change to the report presented to Council in July. The Chief Executive will also explain the part played by the workforce strategy in the plan.

Focus for scrutiny

The committee is asked to review the outline or framework for developing the West Sussex plan for the year ahead attached as Appendix A. The suggested areas for scrutiny include:

- How the plan will be further developed – is this concrete and realistic,
- The underlying values and principles - are they clear and appropriate,
- The changes to service focus and priorities which will drive the plan and how national policies will affect it – are these factors thorough and understood,
- How Members, including scrutiny committees, will be involved in influencing the plan and in preparing for further work on how to monitor and influence outcomes and how they are best achieved.

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

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 County Council meeting in July (as slightly amended). 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 and Reboot Plan and within individual projects/work streams.

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Appendices

- Annex West Sussex Reset and Reboot – July County Council report
- Appendix 1 Local evidence base overview
- Appendix 2 Policy context
- Appendix 3 Overview of 2019/20 performance
- Appendix 4 Financial Outlook

Background Papers

None