Shropshire Council

Committee and Date

COUNCIL

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Performance Management Scrutiny Committee Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2017

1.0 Summary

1.1 This is an overview of the work of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee since the last report to Council in December 2016.

2.0 What have we done?

2.1 The Committee has held seven formal Committee meetings since the last report made to Council.

2.2 The Committee has scrutinised quarterly performance reports and revenue and capital reports.

Areas under particular consideration have included:

- The Financial Strategy 2017/18 – 2019/20
- The Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2020/21
- The Digital Transformation Programme
- Overview of key functional areas [Scrutiny]
- Section 106 Agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus
- Council Tax Support Scheme

2.3 Following the Scrutiny Peer Review conducted in February 2017 by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre of Public Scrutiny and Council's subsequent approval of the Leader's proposed changes to the Scrutiny Committee remits and structures, the Committee considered its key functional areas and key development areas for the next two years in July 2017.

2.4 Further to the work done by the Planning Task and Finish Group in 2016, the Committee agreed to establish a Section 106 Agreements, Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus Task and Finish Group in February 2017. This group is on-going, but made an interim report to the Committee in

September 2017. It is anticipated that this Task and Finish Group will report to the Committee again in the New Year.

2.5 In November 2017, the Committee agreed to establish a Financial Strategy 2018/19 -2020/21 Task and Finish Group with the anticipation that the work would be completed by February 2018.

2.6 In October 2017, the Committee was requested to consider the Cabinet decision regarding the Minimum Income Guarantee, following a Call-In of that decision by the Liberal Democrat Group. After consideration of the issues, the Committee upheld the Cabinet Decision.

2.6 In addition to the budget shaping process and continual monitoring of performance in the light of ongoing changes, the Committee's future Work Programme is under rolling review, and will continue to monitor the Digital Transformation Programme and Financial Strategy, and will consider the establishment of a Welfare Reform Task and Finish Group at its meeting in December 2017.