

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 3 September 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Lucinda Wing (Chairman)
Councillor Tom Wallis (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Tony Mepham
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Perran Moon
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Bryn Williams

Also Present: Councillor Barry Wood

Apologies for absence: Councillor Sandra Rhodes

Officers: Graeme Kane, Chief Operating Officer
Nicola Riley, Assistant Director: Wellbeing
Hedd Vaughan Evans, Assistant Director Performance and Transformation
Richard Webb, Assistant Director: Regulatory Services and Community Safety
Louise Tustian, Acting Performance and Communications Manager
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

16 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

18 **Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - June/Quarter 1 2019/20**

The Committee considered a report from the Executive Director Finance (Interim) and Assistant Director – Performance and Transformation, that detailed the Council’s Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring position at the end of June 2019.

In response to questions regarding the use of signs in Bicester encouraging drivers to switch off their car engines when stationary at the level crossing in the town, the Chief Operating Officer advised the Committee that effectiveness of the signage with regard to air quality was being monitored, and if successful they would be used in other areas of the district.

Resolved

- (1) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report is considered monthly by Executive.
- (3) That, having given due consideration to the performance update for Quarter One, no areas for further consideration by Executive be identified.

19 **Show and Tell - Wellbeing Directorate**

The Assistant Director Wellbeing gave a presentation that provided an overview of the Wellbeing team.

The Assistant Director Wellbeing explained that the team covered four broad areas – Healthy Communities; Community Development; Leisure Facilities; and Sport and Physical Recreation, and provided a brief summary of the activities covered by each of the areas.

In response to queries regarding Assets of Community Value, the Assistant Director Wellbeing agreed to circulate information to the Committee regarding current assets across the district.

With regard to the Cherwell Lottery scheme, that had recently started, the Assistant Director Wellbeing advised that approximately 40 organisations were currently signed up. A further campaign to advertise the scheme and encourage more organisations to sign up would be undertaken later in the month.

In response to the Intergeneration – Generations Working Together briefing note that had been circulated with the agenda, the Committee congratulated the team on the work undertaken on the project.

Resolved

- (1) That the presentation and briefing note be noted.

20 **Banbury Public Spaces Protection Order**

The Committee considered a briefing note from the Assistant Director Regulatory Services and Community Safety regarding the renewal of the Banbury Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), ahead of its consideration by Executive in November 2019.

The Assistant Director Regulatory Services and Community Safety explained that the PSPO had taken effect on 1 December 2016 for a period of three years. It was now necessary for the PSPO to be reviewed, and either renewed or allowed to expire.

A public consultation was currently underway on the potential renewal of the PSPO for a further three year period, however it was proposed to remove the prohibition of rough sleeping provision from the order. The Assistant Director Regulatory Services and Community Safety explained to the Committee that separate provision and guidance was available for the prevention of Rough Sleeping, and it was no longer deemed appropriate to use PSPOs for that purpose. It was therefore proposed that if renewed, the PSPO would cover the prohibition of begging and drinking in the designated area.

The Committee was pleased with the proposal to remove rough sleeping from the renewed order.

Resolved

- (1) That the proposed amendments to the Banbury Public Spaces Protection Order be supported.

21 **Committee Work Programme 2019/2020**

The Committee considered the topic sheet and indicative work programme.

With regard to the topics of Kidlington and Bicester Masterplans and Planning Policy for the District, Democratic and Elections Officers advised that discussions had been held with the Assistant Director Growth and Economy, who had committed to attend future meetings of the Committee to discuss progress on the various subjects, at the relevant time.

With regard to mobile phone signal across the district, the Committee requested information concerning signal 'not spots'.

Resolved

- (1) That the topic sheet and work programme be noted.

22 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

Chairman:

Date: