



**Committee:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 17 March 2020  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

## Membership

<b>Councillor Lucinda Wing (Chairman)</b>	<b>Councillor Tom Wallis (Vice-Chairman)</b>
Councillor Mike Bishop	Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Chris Heath	Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Tony Mephram	Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Perran Moon	Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Douglas Webb	Councillor Bryn Williams

## AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip. Where a member is subject to a party whip they must declare this at the beginning of the meeting and it should be recorded in the minutes.

1. **Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2020.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive communications from the Chairman.

## 5. **Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

## 6. **Digital Connectivity in Cherwell** (Pages 5 - 54)

Craig Bowers, Digital Programme Manager at Oxfordshire County Council, will give a short presentation on Digital Connectivity in Cherwell.

A briefing note and appendices are attached for information.

## 7. **Housing Strategy Progress Report** (Pages 55 - 72)

Report of Assistant Director: Housing and Social Care Commissioning

### **Purpose of report**

To report back on progress in implementing the Council's Housing Strategy 2019-2024 and to gain Overview and Scrutiny Committee's input to the draft action plan for 2020/21.

### **Recommendations**

The Committee is requested to:

- 1.1 Note and comment on the contents of this report and appendices in advance of the Strategy Action Plan 2020/21 being finalised and implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

## 8. **Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - December 2019** (Pages 73 - 104)

Report of Head of Insight and Corporate Programmes and Assistant Director: Finance

### **Purpose of report**

This report summarises the Council's Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring position as at the end of each month.

### **Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report.
- 1.2 To note that the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report is considered by Executive on a monthly basis.

- 1.3 To review and comment on the performance update for end of quarter three (Appendix 2) and identify any areas for further consideration by the Executive

## 9. **Climate Change**

A presentation from the Assistant Director: Environmental Services to provide an update on the emerging Climate Change Strategy.

## 10. **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20** (Pages 105 - 120)

Report of Director – Law and Governance

### **Purpose of report**

This report presents the draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2019/20.

### **Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider the draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report 2019/20
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Director – Law and Governance/Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to finalise the areas highlighted in the report prior to its submission to Council.

## 11. **Work Programme 2019/2020** (Pages 121 - 126)

Councillors Chris Heath and Douglas Webb will feedback on the trip to the Casepak Materials Recovery Facility in Leicester.

Democratic and Elections Officers will give an update on progress regarding subjects raised at previous Committee meeting (appendix 1, attached).

The Committee to consider the work programme (appendix 2, attached).

**Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.**

## **Information about this Meeting**

### **Apologies for Absence**

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[democracy@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk) or 01295 221953 / 01295 221591 prior to the start of the meeting.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

## **Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates**

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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