



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 24 October 2023
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor John Broad (Chairman)	Councillor Isabel Creed (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Patrick Clarke	Councillor Ian Harwood
Councillor Simon Holland	Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Councillor Lynne Parsons
Councillor Rob Pattenden	Councillor Dorothy Walker
Councillor Douglas Webb	Councillor Bryn Williams

Substitutes Any member of the relevant political group, excluding Executive members

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 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023.

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. Sanctuary Housing

Officers from Sanctuary Housing will be at the meeting to deliver a presentation that will include:

- An overview of new developments in the District
- Damp and Mould response following Awaab Ishak case
- Retrofitting and energy efficiency works to reduce bills for tenants and help reduce carbon emissions from social housing properties
- Empty property management
- Service standards that tenants can expect, such as response times for repairs and anti-social behaviour reports.
- Response to Social Housing Regulation Act

7. Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2023-24 (Pages 9 - 48)

Report of Assistant Director – Customer Focus

Purpose of report

To give the committee an update on how well the council is performing in delivering its Q2 priorities for 2023/24.

Recommendations

Officers recommend the committee:

- 1.1 Reviews the Council's Quarter 2 performance for 2023 and agrees any recommendations for Executive consideration.

8. 12-Month Climate Action Plan 2023 - 2024 (Pages 49 - 106)

Report of Climate Action Manager and Corporate Director – Communities

Purpose of report

To set out the background and content of a newly produced 12-month Action Plan for climate change, which is based on our 2020 Climate Change Framework.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To accept the ambitions of this Action Plan.
- 1.2 To recognise the implementation of this Action Plan will have on-going resource implications for council budgets and that additional requests will be forthcoming, as and when business cases are developed, e.g. for the provision of additional Solar PV to reduce energy bills. Each business case will be assessed and brought forward if affordable.

9. Working Group Updates (Pages 107 - 108)

An update on work undertaken so far by the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Food Insecurity and Climate Action working groups.

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the work undertaken to date.

10. Work Programme 2023-24 (Pages 109 - 112)

An update on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24.

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and agree the indicative work programme 2023/24

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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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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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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