



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 28 November 2023
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor John Broad (Chairman)	Councillor Dr 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

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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 7 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 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. Future Oxfordshire Partnerships Update

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel will meet on 21 November. The agenda is publicly available via the [Vale of White Horse website](#).

The Cherwell District Council appointed representatives to the Scrutiny Panel – Councillors John Broad, Lynn Pratt and Sean Woodcock – will give a verbal update to the Committee on the outcome of the meeting.

7. October 2023 Performance Monitoring Report (Pages 13 - 20)

Report of Assistant Director - Customer Focus

Purpose of report

To give the committee an update on how the council has performed against its performance indicators for October 2023.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommend:

- 1.1 To review the Council's performance report for October 2023 and considers what, if any recommendations it would like the Executive to consider.

8. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (Pages 21 - 76)

Report of Assistant Director - Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of report

To present to the Committee a new draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the contents of the new drafted Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029 and recommend adoption by the Executive.

9. Cost of Living Crisis - Action Plan update (Pages 77 - 78)

Verbal update by Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Housing

At its meeting in October, Executive considered a report that detailed a Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan (Appendix 1) to cover Winter 2023, that had been drafted following a motion to Full Council in July 2023.

Executive approved the development of an evaluation framework to track progress of the action plan, to form the basis of detailed updates to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Housing will present the update on progress of the action plan.

10. Cherwell District Council Safeguarding Self-Assessment 2023 (Pages 79 - 126)

Report of Assistant Director - Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of report

To update the committee on how well the council is performing in delivering its safeguarding duties.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider self-assessment and actions
- 1.2 Consider actions for future safeguarding briefings for Members

11. Working Group Updates (Pages 127 - 128)

An update on work undertaken since the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 October 2023 by the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Food Insecurity and Climate Action working groups, including revised Terms of Reference for the Climate Action working group (Appendix 2 – to follow).

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the work undertaken since the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 October 2023.
- 1.2 To approve the amended Climate Action Terms of Reference (Appendix 2 – to follow)

12. Work Programme 2023-24 (Pages 129 - 132)

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

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Declarations of Interest

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