

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 28 August 2018 at 6.45 pm

Present: Councillor Neil Prestidge (Chairman)
Councillor Sean Gaul (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Tony Mepham
Councillor Cassi Perry
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Lucinda Wing

Substitute Members: Councillor David Hughes (In place of Councillor Bryn Williams)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Bryn Williams

Officers: Graeme Kane, Executive Director: Environment
Adele Taylor, Interim Executive Director: Finance and Governance
Hedd Vaughan Evans, Assistant Director Performance and Transformation
Robert Fuzesi, Assistant Director: Property, Investment and Contract Management
Chris Hipkiss, Property and Investment Consultant
Louise Tustian, Team Leader, Insight Team
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

13 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 10 July 2018 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

14 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements

15 **Show and Tell - Performance and Transformation**

The Assistant Director Performance and Transformation and the Strategic Intelligence and Insight Team Leader gave a presentation on how performance management was used throughout the council and submitted the Performance, Risk and Finance report for June 2018.

In response to members' questions regarding the setting and monitoring of performance targets the Assistant Director Performance and Transformation explained that the Directors reviewed the performance reports and ensured commentary was provided on each measure. The Performance, Risk and Finance reports were now submitted monthly to Executive and would be submitted regularly to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Committee to consider the performance elements of the report.

Resolved

- (1) That the presentation giving an overview of performance management be noted.
- (2) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring report be noted.
- (3) That it be noted that the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring was considered by Executive on a monthly basis.
- (4) That having given due consideration no areas for further consideration by Executive be identified.

16 **Work Programme Planning 2018-2019**

The Democratic and Elections Officers gave an update on the status of topics suggested for scrutiny and any proposed actions.

Unlawful Gypsy and Traveller encampments.

This item was yet to be allocated to the work programme as a date had not yet been confirmed for attendance by representatives from Environmental Health and Oxfordshire County Council

County Line (Violence, Exploitation and Drug Supply)

The Committee agreed that the Chief Constable be asked to include an update in his presentation to Full Council on 30 October 2018. The Committee requested that the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to attend the Full Council meeting with the Chief Constable.

Tree Management

The Committee noted the contact details provided and agreed that no further action was required.

Car Parking

The Committee agreed the Car Parking scoping document and Councillors Prestidge, Gaul, Sibley and Rose were appointed to the working group.

East West Rail Link – London Road Level Crossing, Bicester

The Committee noted that Cherwell District Council was already in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council through the Bicester Strategic Delivery Board regarding London Road level crossing in Bicester and members could monitor the action taken by the Board.

Strategy for walking and cycling between key destinations in Bicester

The Bicester Delivery Team had provided details of work being done on walking and cycling routes in Bicester. Funding had been obtained for a Local Travel Planner who was working on a range of initiatives to support walking and cycling.

In response to members questions the Interim Executive Director for Finance and Governance confirmed that Cherwell District Council did advertise its participation in national cycling days and encouraged staff and members of the public to get involved.

Consideration of the emissions plan for HS2 in relation to the Air Quality Management Plan

This item was yet to be allocated to the work programme as a date has yet to be confirmed for attendance by representatives from HS2.

Canal side Strategy

The Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance reminded the Committee that a Member briefing had taken place in July. The Banbury Canal-side Supplementary Planning document was scheduled to be submitted to Executive at its October meeting.

Reference to the Canal-side Strategy would be included in the exempt Castle Quay presentation later in the agenda.

Kidlington and Bicester Town Centres are failing

Members requested that progress on Masterplans be included in the Show and Tell when allocated to the work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the Car Parking scoping document be agreed.
- (2) That Councillors Prestidge, Gaul, Sibley and Rose be appointed to the Car Park Scrutiny Review working group.
- (3) That, having given due consideration, the updates on the suggested topics for scrutiny be noted.
- (4) That the work programme be noted.

17 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved

- (1) That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

18 **Update on Castle Quay**

The Property and Investment Consultant gave an exempt presentation which provided an update on the Castle Quay project.

The Committee asked detailed questions which were duly answered by the Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance and the Property and Investment Consultant.

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt presentation be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chairman:

Date: