

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 9 October 2018 at 7.00 pm

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

Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Tony Mepham
Councillor Cassi Perry
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Bryn Williams
Councillor Lucinda Wing

Also Present: Councillor D M Pickford - Lead Member for Clean and Green
Councillor Andrew McHugh – Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing

Apologies for absence: Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Sandra Rhodes

Officers: Graeme Kane, Executive Director: Environment
Ed Potter, Assistant Director: Environmental Services
Paul Almond, Street Scene & Landscape Manager
Rosie Rowe, Healthy New Towns Officer
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

21 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 August 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

23 **Show and Tell - Street Scene, including Markets - Environment Directorate**

The Assistant Director Environmental Services gave a presentation to explain the work undertaken by the Street Scene team which sits within the Environment Directorate.

The Assistant Director Environmental Services advised the Committee that the main roles and responsibilities of the team included supporting thriving and vibrant urban centres, for example; the markets, seasonal events, the safety, maintenance, repair and installation of urban street furniture; and the annual Christmas light and Christmas tree schemes. The team also provided a service across the district with regards to road closures, small civil engineering and repair works and event management, for example, supporting the recent outdoor cinema event

The Committee requested that thanks be sent to the 'Blitz team' for the excellent work completed in Bicester.

The Assistant Director Environmental Services responded to questions from the Committee and advised that the Environmental Services team could be contacted to review problem areas. The Lead Member for Clean and Green commented that Members could also contact her as she was also available to assist members where necessary.

Resolved

- (1) That the presentation by the Environmental Directorate be noted.

24 **Changing Models in Primary Care**

The Committee considered a briefing paper by the Executive Director: Wellbeing and the Healthy New Towns Officer which informed the Committee of the Changing Models of Primary Care and its implications for Cherwell District Council.

In presenting the briefing paper, the Healthy New Towns Officer explained that Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG), which was responsible for commissioning general practice services, had adopted a new approach to planning for future health and care services which involved working collaboratively with local government and health and care providers to focus on how to meet the specific needs of their local population. The OCCG had indicated that their plans for developing primary care would remain iterative: as the population changes and the way the delivery of healthcare evolves, they would continue to work with patients, clinicians and

partners to ensure that primary care remains responsive, accessible and of high quality

In response to member's questions, the Healthy New Towns Officer explained that the OCCG were keen to engage with Cherwell District Council on future planning of primary care in the district and that there would be opportunity to make sure any concerns were taken into consideration.

Resolved

- (1) That the plans for developing primary care services in the district and the variation based on practice location, size and increased population be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group were keen to engage with Cherwell District Council on future planning of primary care for their district.
- (3) That the implications for Cherwell District Council's services, including the need to influence the development of health and care so that residents were able to access appropriate, effective primary care be noted.

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Work Programme - 2018 - 2019

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

Members requested that Emergency Planning be included in the work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the progress on the Scrutiny Topics be noted.
- (2) That, subject to the addition of Emergency Planning at the appropriate time, the contents of the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: