

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 July 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Tom Wallis (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Perran Moon
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Bryn Williams

Also Present: Councillor Barry Wood - Leader of the Council

Apologies for absence: Councillor Lucinda Wing
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Tony Mephram
Councillor Sandra Rhodes

Officers: Hedd Vaughan Evans, Assistant Director Performance and Transformation
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

9 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

10 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 May 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

12 **Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - March 2019
- End of year 2018/19**

The Assistant Director Performance and Transformation submitted a report which summarised the Council's Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring position as at the end of the municipal year 2018/19. In presenting the report, the Assistant Director Performance and Transformation gave a presentation which explained how performance was assessed against Cherwell District Councils priorities.

In considering the report, Members referred to measure JBP1.1.1 – Maintain High Quality Waste & Recycling Services, and the lower garden waste tonnages, which was largely due to the long hot summer in 2018. Members queried how targets were set and suggested that, in relation to the green waste target, the measurement of green waste should be percentage recycled and not amount collected as this would vary each year, was dependant on the weather and not under the control of Cherwell District Council.

The Assistant Director Performance and Transformation agreed to raise the comments with the Assistant Director Environmental Services and would report back to the Committee.

The Committee further commented on this measure in relation to recycling and agreed the Assistant Director Environmental Services should be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to provide information on Cherwell District Councils recycling contract, including where waste was taken and how it was processed.

Resolved

- (1) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report is considered monthly by Executive.
- (3) That, having given due consideration to the performance end of year update, no areas for further consideration by Executive be identified.

13 **Committee Work Programme 2019/2020**

The Democratic and Elections Officers gave an update on the status of topics suggested for Scrutiny, and the indicative Committee Work Programme.

With regards the Oxfordshire Growth Board, Members noted that there were specific scrutiny arrangements for the Board and Cherwell District Council (CDC) was represented on the Board's Scrutiny Panel. The Leader, Councillor Barry Wood, who sat on the Growth Board for CDC offered to speak with Growth Board officers regarding the attendance of a Growth Board representative at a meeting of the Committee to provide an overview of the Board and answer Members' questions.

Resolved

- (1) That, having given due consideration, the updates and actions on the suggested topics for scrutiny be noted.
- (2) That the work programme be noted.

14 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: