

Appendix to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Topic and suggested by	Update
<p>Planning Policy for the District, including the Growth Deal.</p> <p>Raised by Councillors Ian Middleton, Mike Bishop, Chris Heath and Phil Chapman</p>	<p>Officers from Planning Policy have agreed to attend a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to discuss this subject in more detail.</p>
<p>Digital Infrastructure/5G (to be considered at the same time as the Cherwell Industrial Strategy due to the synergies between the items).</p> <p>Raised by Councillors Tom Wallis, Bryn Williams and Former Councillor Sandra Rhodes</p>	<p>Following the Digital Connectivity presentation at the July 2020 meeting, the Committee requested that an update be provided later in the year, and that it be linked to the Cherwell Industrial Strategy item that is currently on the work programme.</p> <p>The timetable for the Industrial Strategy was under review, as the focus of the Economic Development Team had been on work arising as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Officers remain committed to attending a future meeting of the Committee at the relevant time, to provide a further update on both aspects of this subject.</p>
<p>Management companies managing new housing developments – is the use of management companies rather than adoption by the Council on the rise, if so what is the cause of this?</p> <p>Raised by Councillor Lucinda Wing</p>	<p>Initially raised during the 2019/20 Municipal year, information regarding this subject has previously been circulated to Committee members.</p> <p>Under work programme planning for 2021/22, the Committee will be asked to decide whether to pursue this topic in the new Municipal Year.</p>
<p>Sale of Fur on Cherwell Markets</p> <p>Councillor Lucinda Wing</p>	<p>Cllr Wing had been approached by a member of the electorate regarding the sale of Fur as opposed to Faux Fur at Cherwell Markets and wanted to know if there were any restrictions on selling Fur on Cherwell Markets. Cllr Wing subsequently raised the matter at the July Council meeting as a question to the Leader.</p>

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	<p>The Assistant Director Environmental Services reported that there were restrictions on selling live animals but not fur. These could be written into the current agreements when they were up for renewal.</p>
<p>Coronavirus (Covid-19)</p>	<p>Councillors requested an update regarding Emergency Planning review, what went well and what would be done differently; economic impact on the district – what and how it was being addressed.</p> <p>The Committee has subsequently received three detailed updates from the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors, as detailed in the main annual report.</p>
<p>Constitutional Working Group Councillor Ian Middleton</p>	<p>Cllr Middleton requested that a cross party Constitutional Working Group be set up, to discuss and scrutinise proposed changes to the Constitution before they are considered by full Council.</p> <p>This subject was subsequently addressed by the Constitution Review that took place between October and December 2020.</p>
<p>Licensing applications – advertisement and consultation processes</p>	<p>The Committee raised questions relating to Councillors and town/parish councils being made aware of Licensing applications in their areas, and also queried the frequency of Licensing Committee meetings.</p> <p>Executive requested that the Assistant Director – Regulatory Services and Community Safety provide feedback on the queries.</p>