

**Committee:** **Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board**

**Date:** **Tuesday 16 February 2010**

**Time:** **7.00 pm**

**Venue** **Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA**

### **Membership**

**Councillor Colin Clarke (Chairman)**

**Councillor Alyas Ahmed**

**Councillor Margaret Cullip**

**Councillor Devena Rae**

**Councillor Keith Strangwood**

**Councillor Douglas Webb**

**Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Vice-Chairman)**

**Councillor Maurice Billington**

**Councillor Victoria Irvine**

**Councillor Carol Steward**

**Councillor Patricia Tompson**

**Councillor Martin Weir**

### **Substitutes**

**Councillor Nick Cotter**

**Councillor Lawrie Stratford**

**Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards**

**Councillor John Wyse**

## **AGENDA**

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip.

Where a member is subject to a party whip they must declare this at the beginning of the meeting and it should be recorded in the minutes.

### **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. Urgent Business**

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

### **4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2010.

### **5. Registered Social Landlords' Management Group (Pages 7 - 12)**

This is an opportunity for the Board to learn more about the Registered Social Landlords' Management Group, including its links to the Council's corporate priorities, the national standards that apply and to explore strategic and operational issues relating to the management of housing stock across the district. A background briefing on the management of social housing in the Cherwell district is attached at appendix 1.

The Portfolio Holder Planning and Housing, Strategic Director Planning, Housing and Economy and Housing Officers will be present at the meeting. Representatives from Charter, Bromford and Residents' Voice have also been invited to attend the meeting.

The Board will wish to reflect on the presentation and evidence and if there are any issues that they wish to explore further, these should be added to the 2010/11 Work Programme.

### **6. Partnership Scrutiny: Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (Pages 13 - 48)**

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

#### **Summary**

To consider the outcomes of the scrutiny review of the Council's partnership with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and to agree the recommendations to Executive.

The draft report will be circulated separately to Members.

#### **Recommendations**

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the briefing on the review of representation on Outside Bodies.
- (2) Consider the draft report (circulated separately to Members of the Board) and agree the draft report be circulated to Officers for comments.

- (3) Agree that the Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board be delegated to agree any amendments to the report prior to submitting to the Executive.

## 7. **Work Programme** (Pages 49 - 56)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

### **Summary**

To provide the Board with an update on the overview and scrutiny work programme for 2009/10.

### **Recommendations**

The Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board element of the work programme for 2009/10 as set out at Appendix 1.
- (2) Note the update on the Bicester Vision Partnership.

## **Information about this Agenda**

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence should be notified to [democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or (01295) 221589 prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

**Personal Interest:** Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

**Prejudicial Interest:** Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

### **Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates**

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget

setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

### **Queries Regarding this Agenda**

Please contact Natasha Clark, Legal and Democratic Services [natasha.clark@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.clark@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) (01295) 221589

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