

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 9 February 2010
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Daniel Sames (Chairman)	Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ann Bonner	Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Leslie F Sibley
Councillor P A O'Sullivan	Councillor Chris Smithson
Councillor Trevor Stevens	Councillor Lawrie Stratford

Substitutes

Councillor Devena Rae	Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor George Parish	Councillor Rose Stratford
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 held on 25 January 2010.

5. Youth Engagement Scrutiny

This is an opportunity for the Committee to question officers from Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council who are involved in the provision of youth services and specifically in activities which promote the democratic engagement of young people.

Representatives from the UK Youth Parliament and Banbury School pupils taking part in the Councillor Shadowing programme have also been invited to attend the meeting.

There will be a private briefing session for members of the Committee to prepare for this agenda item starting at 6.00pm. Members are reminded that they are asked to forward any questions or specific topics that they wish to raise in the discussion to the Scrutiny Officer in advance of the meeting.

6. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2009/10 (Pages 7 - 60)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Summary

To agree topics for future meetings, to identify issues arising from the Forward Plan (February – May 2010) and to monitor the status of items on the work programme.

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural, the Head of Urban and Rural Services and the Head of Head of Safer Communities & Community Development will be present at the meeting to discuss progress against the scrutiny recommendations on Markets and Concessionary Travel.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current overview and scrutiny work programme for 2009/10 and make amendments as necessary;
- (2) Note the contents of the Forward Plan and identify any possible topics for scrutiny;
- (3) Note the progress against the scrutiny recommendations on the future of markets in the district;

- (4) Note the progress against the scrutiny recommendations on Concessionary Travel.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or (01295) 221583 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

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