

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Monday 25 January 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 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009 .

5. Private Sector Housing Strategy (Pages 9 - 56)

Report of the Head of Housing Services

Summary

To inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the current status of the project to produce the Council's Private Sector Housing Strategy, which links to the Cherwell Housing Strategy 2005 – 2011.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, the Head of Housing Services and the Private Sector Housing Manager will be present at the meeting.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the contents of the report.

6. Older People's Housing Strategy (Pages 57 - 104)

Report of the Head of Housing Services

Summary

To inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the progress being made with the development of the Cherwell Housing Strategy for Older People, a sub-strategy of the Cherwell Housing Strategy 2005 – 2011.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing, the Head of Housing Services and the Strategic Housing Officer will be present at the meeting.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the contents of the report;
- (2) Consider whether the Committee wishes to refer any comments on the report to the Executive for consideration at their meeting in February 2010.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2009/10 (Pages 105 - 130)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

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

The Portfolio Holder for Customer Service and ICT (with special responsibility for tourism) and the Head of Recreation and Health will be present at the meeting to discuss the Council's preparations for the 2012 Olympics Tourism Potential.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (3) Note the current overview and scrutiny work programme for 2009/10 and make amendments as necessary;
- (4) Note the contents of the Forward Plan and identify any possible topics for scrutiny;
- (5) Consider whether to include Built Area Conservation on the agenda for the March meeting and to invite the Portfolio Holder, Head of Service and other officers to attend;
- (6) Consider whether to include Phone Access and Telephony on the agenda for the February meeting and to invite the Portfolio Holder and Head of Service to attend;
- (7) Consider whether the Committee wishes to refer any comments on the report on "Preparation for the 2012 Olympics Tourism Potential" to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on 11 January 2012.

8. Youth Engagement Scrutiny (Pages 131 - 136)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To update Members on the progress to date of the scrutiny review of Youth Engagement and to consider the emerging conclusions.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the contents of the report and reflect on the evidence of the review to date;
- (2) Consider and comment on the emerging conclusions.

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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