

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 22 June 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 Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Alastair Milne Home	Councillor Chris Smithson
Councillor Trevor Stevens	Councillor Keith Strangwood
Councillor Lawrie Stratford	Vacancy

Substitutes

Councillor Tim Emptage	Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Simon Holland	Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Douglas Williamson	

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 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 9 March and 19 May 2010.

5. Kidlington Pedestrianisation Capital Bid (Pages 11 - 30)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To present the background to the Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid.

Representatives from the Kidlington Village Centre Management Board and Kidlington Parish Council and lead officers from Cherwell District Council will be present to take part in the discussion.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to confirm whether they wish to recommend to the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Communication that he should make available a supplementary estimate for the Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid (value £25,000).

6. Houses in Multiple Occupation and Planning Policy (Pages 31 - 36)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To present the conclusions of the informal Task & Finish Group review of guidance criteria for the planning control of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the district.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree that:

- (1) The proposed guidance criteria for the planning control of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within the district should be referred to the Portfolio Holder, Planning and Housing and the Local Development Framework (LDF) Advisory Panel for consideration and, if accepted, inclusion in the LDF.

- (2) The Portfolio Holder, Planning and Housing should be invited to task the Private Sector Housing Manager to prepare a briefing paper on the options for the implementation of additional discretionary licencing for HMOs.
- (3) The Portfolio Holder, Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation should be invited to consider addressing the existing “community based” problems in Grimsbury as part of the Banbury Brighter Futures project.
- (4) The conservation area issues in Grimsbury should be addressed as part of the separate Overview and Scrutiny Committee review into conservation area policy.

7. Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009 -1010 (Pages 37 - 48)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

The report presents the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10 and refer it to Council to note.

8. Draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010 - 2011 (Pages 49 - 62)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To provide the Committee with the draft overview and scrutiny work programme for 2010/11, to update Members on work programme items from the 2009/10 overview and scrutiny work programme and to consider items for inclusion on the 2010/11 work programme.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended:

- (1) To agree the Overview and Scrutiny Committee element of the draft work programme for 2010/11 as set out at Appendix 1 of the attached report.
- (2) To note the update on items carried forward from the 2009/10 overview and scrutiny work programme.
- (3) To consider the items suggested for inclusion on the 2010/11 Work Programme.

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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