

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 24 July 2012
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Ann Bonner (Chairman)	Councillor Daniel Sames (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Colin Clarke	Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Chris Heath	Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Kieron Mallon	Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Jon O'Neill	Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor Leslie F Sibley	Councillor Lawrie Stratford

Substitutes

Councillor Andrew Beere	Councillor Patrick Cartledge
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE	Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Alaric Rose	Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Douglas Williamson	Councillor Sean Woodcock

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 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2012.

5. Eco Bicester: A Garden City of the Future (Pages 5 - 12)

Summary

At the 19 June 2012 meeting, the Committee noted that at their May meeting the Executive had resolved to contact the Department for Central and Local Government to explore the identification of Eco Bicester as a next generation garden city. The Committee agreed it would be useful to receive a briefing on the proposal to enable consideration of any areas the Committee could add value.

The Eco-Bicester Project Manager will be present at the meeting to discuss the initiative.

A copy of the report considered by Executive is attached to the agenda.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the evidence and information presented and determine if there are any areas the Committee can add value and should be added to their work programme.

6. Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12 (Pages 13 - 32)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Summary

This report presents the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended:

- (1) To note the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12.
- (2) To delegate authority to the Head of Law and Governance in consultation with the former and current Chairmen of the two scrutiny committees, to complete the foreword and to make any minor amendments to the annual report before submission to Council.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2012/13 (Pages 33 - 46)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Summary

This report presents the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2012/13 for consideration.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended:

- (1) To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2012/13 as set out at Appendix 1 of the attached report.
- (2) To note any items of interest in the Executive Forward Plan and consider whether to include them on the work programme 2012/13.
- (3) To consider if there are any other items Members would like to include on the work programme.
- (4) To endorse and adopt the Mission Statement detailed in Section 4 to the report.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

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Declarations of Interest

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