

**Committee:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 18 February 2014

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

# Membership

Councillor Ann Bonner (Chairman) Councillor Daniel Sames (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Alyas Ahmed Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Alastair Milne Home Councillor Jon O'Neill
Councillor Lynn Pratt Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor Lawrie Stratford 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 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January, 2014.

#### 5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

# 6. **Draft Quarter 3 Exceptions Report** (Pages 7 - 36)

Report of Head of Transformation.

# **Purpose of report**

The draft report identifies the areas the Performance team have extracted from the Quarter 3 performance report as areas of concern and achievement, as measured through the Performance Management Framework.

#### Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the highlighted areas in this draft report.
- 1.2 Identify any performance related matters for future review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or referral to Executive.

# 7. Housing Services Plan

\*\* Please note, this report will follow after the informal meeting of the Committee on 12 February 2014 \*\*

Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing

# **Purpose of report**

The report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work of Housing Services including key challenges and achievements. The report follows the 'order' of the Council's Housing Strategy (2012 – 2017) from which the annual Housing Service Plan flows.

# Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note progress to date in preventing homelessness, delivering and enabling housing development, improving housing standards and commissioning housing related services

1.2 To note the challenging financial context in which services are being delivered.

# 8. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 37 - 50)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

# **Purpose of Report**

This report presents the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2013/14 for consideration.

#### Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2013/14 as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 1.2 To note any items of interest in the Executive Work Programme and consider whether to include them on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work programme 2013/14.
- 1.3 To consider if there are any other items Members would like to include on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

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

# Information about this Meeting

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#### **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.

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