

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 12 January 2016
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor David Hughes (Chairman)	Councillor Lynn Pratt (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Claire Bell	Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath	Councillor Matt Johnstone
Councillor Alastair Milne Home	Councillor James Porter
Councillor Neil Prestidge	Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Lawrie Stratford	Councillor Bryn Williams

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 24 November 2015.

5. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. **Development of Corporate Business Plan, Priorities and Pledges 2016/17**
(Pages 5 - 18)

Report of Head of Transformation

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to facilitate the development of the corporate business plan, its associated priorities and pledges for 2016/17.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider, discuss and offer feedback upon the proposed priorities and pledges for 2016/17 in order to ensure a transparent and engaging whole Council approach to the development of the priorities, prior to consideration by Executive and Full Council in February 2016.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 consider the draft corporate priorities, outcomes and pledges for 2016/17
- 1.2 identify any areas to be discussed for referral to Executive on 1 February 2016.

7. **Work Programme 2015/16** (Pages 19 - 26)

Report of Head of Law and Governance

Purpose of report

This report presents the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 for consideration.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

- 1.2 To select a service plan to review at an informal meeting (date to be arranged).
- 1.3 To note updates on the current reviews taking place.
- 1.4 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 2015/16.
- 1.5 To consider if there are any other items Members would like to include on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

8. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:

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9. Safeguarding - Internal Review and Action Plan (Pages 27 - 136)

Exempt report of Director of Operational Delivery

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk or 01327 322043 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.

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.

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