

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 25 May 2017 at 6.45 pm

Present: Councillor Jolanta Lis (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes

Substitute Members: Councillor Tom Wallis (In place of Councillor Sean Gaul)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Sean Gaul
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Jason Slaymaker

Officers: Scott Barnes, Director of Strategy and Commissioning
Lesley Farrell, Democratic and Elections Officer

3 Declarations of Interest

Performance Report 2016-2017 End of Year Report

Councillor David Hughes, declaration, as a CDC appointed Non-Executive Director of Graven Hill Holding Company should any discussion on Graven Hill occur during this item.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

5 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 27 March 2017 and 16 May 2017 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

6 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

7 Performance Report 2016-2017 End of Year

The Director for Strategy and Commissioning submitted a report which provided information relating to Performance for the Period 1 January to 31 March 2017.

Resolved

- (1) That it be noted that despite a challenging economic environment and on-going policy and organisation change, Cherwell District Council had met or made satisfactory progress on 78% of all performance targets outlined in its performance management framework as detailed in paragraph 3.2, in delivering the Corporate Priorities of the Council.

8 Work Programme

The Committee considered the Work Programme for the municipal year 2017/2018.

Members reviewed the working groups started during the previous Municipal year and agreed that Youth Engagement remained a worthwhile area for scrutiny. In the course of the discussion, new Members expressed an interest in joining the working group and further ideas for youth engagement were forthcoming.

The Committee also considered the A361 working group. As some members of this working group had now left the committee a request was made for new members. It was requested that an expression of interest be sent to all members of the committee.

Members considered the Mobile Phone signal working group. As the majority of the working group members were not in attendance, it was agreed that they should be consulted before a decision was made on the future of this working group.

The Committee discussed other possible topics for scrutiny: Safeguarding; Joint Use Agreement of Sports Facilities; Children's Centres; Anti-Social behaviour; Car Park Strategy and Emergency Protocol. It was requested that relevant officers be invited to future meetings of the committee to provide an update on these areas before a decision regarding potential scrutiny be made.

With regards to attendance by members of the Executive, the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Housing had addressed the committee during 2016/2017, Members agreed that they would like to invite the Lead Member for Planning and the Lead Member for Public Protection and Community Services to attend the Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the reviews started during the previous Municipal Year be continued.
- (2) That no items on the Executive Work Programme be identified to be part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Indicative Work Programme for 2017/18 at this time.
- (3) That having given consideration to future topics for scrutiny, none be identified to produce scoping documents at this time.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

Chairman:

Date: