



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 7 September 2021
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Tom Wallis (Chairman)	Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mike Bishop	Councillor Sandy Dallimore
Councillor Matt Hodgson	Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor David Hughes	Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Perran Moon	Councillor Adam Nell
Councillor Les Sibley	Councillor Bryn Williams

Substitutes Any member of the relevant political group, excluding Executive members

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. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021.

4. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

5. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

6. Changes to Cherwell District Council's Housing Allocation Scheme (Pages 13 - 128)

Report of Interim Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning

Purpose of report

To brief the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on proposed changes to the Housing Allocation Scheme prior to approval being sought from Executive Committee.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 to review and comment on the proposed changes to the Housing Allocation Scheme following public consultation.

7. Draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement 2021 (Cherwell District Council) (Pages 129 - 168)

Report of Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning

Purpose of Report

To present Cherwell's draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement 2021 and seek comments and input from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the consultation process.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to:

- 1.1 Note and comment on the content of the draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement in advance of the document being finalised and submitted to the Executive for approval at its meeting on 1st November 2021, in line with statutory requirements.

8. Constitution Review 2021 (Pages 169 - 174)

Report of Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To consider and endorse the process for the 2021 annual review of the Constitution, including the establishment of an informal cross-party Constitution Review Working Group.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To endorse the process for the 2021 annual review of the Constitution.
- 1.2 To agree the establishment of an informal cross-party Constitution Review working group comprising 5 Conservative members, 2 Labour members, 1 Progressive Oxfordshire member and 1 Independent Group member to work to the operating principles as set out at paragraph 3.7.

9. Work Programme 2021-22 (Pages 175 - 186)

Democratic and Elections Officers will go through the list of subjects raised at previous meetings and at the informal session held on 30 June 2021 (appendix 1), and provide updates.

Committee are asked to consider the establishment of a small working group to look at the relationship between Cherwell District Council and the parishes.

To receive an update on items previously considered by the Committee (appendix 2).

The Committee to consider the indicative work programme for 2021-2022 (appendix 3).

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

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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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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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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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