

Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

Title	Sub-committee	Comments	Meeting			
			June	July	Sept	Later
<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>						
<b>Scheduling</b> – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny						
Equalities policy		Suggested by officers	✓			
Commissioning of Advice, Volunteering and Voluntary Car Driving Schemes in Cherwell.		Suggested by Executive	✓			
<b>Scrutiny</b> – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
Strategic Parking Issues	OSC	Agenda item for 14 June meeting	✓			
Secondary School Education Attainment Levels	OSC	Agenda item for 19 July meeting. Select committee style Q&A session to consider whether there are any issues for review by CDC in 2011/12.		✓		
<b>Task &amp; Finish Groups</b> – agreed topics for review outside committee meetings						
None						
<b>Monitoring</b> – to examine responses to scrutiny reports and to check on progress on implementation of recommendations						
Kidlington Pedestrianisation	OSC	Monitor progress of implementation of scheme				✓
Houses In Multiple Occupancy and Planning Policy	OSC	Monitor legislative position and progress of recommendations to Portfolio Holder and LDF Advisory Panel				✓

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Democratic Engagement with young people	OSC	Proposed: Remove from work programme				
Crime & Anti-social behaviour	OSC	Proposed: Remove from work programme				
Private Sector Housing Strategy	OSC	Review progress against action plan in early 2011		✓		
Built Environment Conservation Area Policy	OSC	Review progress against recommendations and implications for Local Development Framework				✓
Youth Services	OSC	Monitor developments in OCC and CDC Youth Services.				✓
Preparation for 2012 Olympics	OSC	Proposed: Remove from work programme				
RAF Bicester	OSC	Proposed: Remove from work programme				
Residents' Parking Schemes	OSC	Proposed: Remove from work programme				

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Partnership Scrutiny: Oxfordshire Waste Partnership	R&PSB	The R&PSB Chairman has identified the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership as a potential topic for partnership scrutiny in light of its inclusion on the 2011/12 risk register.		✓		
<b>Scrutiny</b> – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
The cost and use of external consultants by Cherwell District Council	R&PSB	To receive additional information on the complete process of procuring consultants giving examples from each directorate to a future meeting of the Board.			✓	
Contracts review – Landscape Maintenance	R&PSB	2 Members nominated to work with officers regarding the Landscape Maintenance. To receive an update on the contract review process and performance in light of the reduction in service.	✓	→	→	→
Concessions Policy	R&PSB	An outcome of the 2011/12 budget scrutiny was the recommendation that a Concessions Policy be developed. 3 Members have been nominated to work with officers to develop the policy.	→	→	→	✓
Planning Applications Charges	R&PSB	To consider changes to charges for planning applications in line with government guidance and CDC policy	✓	→		

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Partnerships: ORCC	R&PSB	Progress against recommendations accepted by Executive in April reviewed in September. In light of budget position, to review again in spring 2011	✓			
Partnerships: Cherwell Safer Communities	R&PSB	To receive an update on the Partnership following the end of the Government's consultation on policing reform and once budget positions of the partners are clearer	✓			
Partnerships: Bicester Vision	R&PSB	Retain on work programme				✓
Past year Budget Scrutiny Recommendations Monitoring, including impact of car parking charge increases	R&PSB / FSWG	Retain on work programme to monitor  FSWG to consider impact of car parking fees increases	✓			✓
Disabled Facilities Grants	R&PSB	Progress against implementation of policy and any wider implications in light of budget position			✓	
The cost and length of planning appeals	PSWG	The PSWG considered the draft development control VfM report at the July meeting and agreed to monitor performance.	✓			

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Food Waste Processing	PSWG	Review spring 2011	✓			
The cost and use of external consultants by Cherwell District Council	FSWG	Monitor consultancy costs through the information provided to the Finance Scrutiny Working Group			✓	

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