

Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

Title	Sub-committee	Comments	Meeting			
			July	Sept	Oct	Later
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE						
Scheduling – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny						
Registered Social Landlords Relationship Policy	OSC	Issue to be scoped with benefit of CMT input and brought to 19 July meeting	✓			
Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
Equalities policy	OSC	Chairman to progress with officers. Agenda item for 13 September meeting.		✓		
Commissioning of Advice, Volunteering and Voluntary Car Driving Schemes in Cherwell.	OSC	Agenda item for 19 July meeting	✓			
Strategic Parking Issues	OSC	Agenda item for 12 July joint meeting with R&PSB	✓			
Task & Finish Groups – agreed topics for review outside committee meetings						
None						
Monitoring – to examine responses to scrutiny reports and to check on progress on implementation of recommendations						
Private Sector Housing Strategy	OSC	Agenda item for 19 July meeting	✓			
Youth Services	OSC	Monitor developments in OCC and CDC Youth Services.				✓

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RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY BOARD						
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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.	✓			
Scrutiny – 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. Agenda item for 6 September		✓		
Contracts review – Landscape Maintenance	R&PSB	2 Members nominated to work with officers regarding the Landscape Maintenance contract. 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 – timescale dependent on Government issuing guidance		✓		
Strategic Parking Issues	R&PSB & OSC	Agenda item for 12 July joint meeting with OSC	✓			

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Partnerships: ORCC	R&PSB	Progress against recommendations accepted by Executive in April 2010 reviewed in September 2010 and June 2011. Retain on work programme in light of budget position, to review again			✓	
Partnerships: Cherwell Safer Communities	R&PSB	To receive an update on the partnership and to consider the impact of funding cuts and how the CSCP is preparing for these cuts from the Local Police Area Commander		✓		
Partnerships: Bicester Vision	R&PSB	Retain on work programme				✓
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.	✓			
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			✓	
Crime & Anti-social behaviour	R&PSB	Referral from OSC for R&PSB to look at impact of budget reductions on work area				

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