

Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

Title	Sub-committee	Comments	Meeting			
			Sept	Oct	Nov	Later
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE						
Scheduling – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny						
Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
Equalities policy	OSC	Chairman & Cllr L Stratford to progress with officers. Agenda item for 13 September meeting.	✓			✓
Registered Social Landlords Relationship Policy	OSC	Cllrs Bonner, Emptage and R Stratford to progress with officers. Possible agenda item for 18 October or 15 November 2011		✓?	✓?	
Empty Homes Policy	OSC	For review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to submission to Executive. Agenda item for 15 November.			✓	
Options for future provision of ICT - South Northamptonshire Council & Cherwell District Council	OSC	For review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to final decision by Executive			✓?	✓?
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						
Youth Services	OSC	Monitor developments in OCC and CDC Youth Services.				✓

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RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY BOARD						
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Budget Scrutiny 2012/13		Agenda item for September meeting to agree an approach and timescales.	✓			
Partnerships: Bicester Vision		Agenda item for September meeting. Chairman to submit a scoping document for consideration.	✓			
Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
The cost and use of external consultants by Cherwell District Council	R&PSB	Agenda item for September. To receive additional information on the complete process of procuring consultants giving examples from each directorate.	✓			
Contracts review – Landscape Maintenance	R&PSB	2 Members nominated to work with officers regarding the Landscape Maintenance contract. Update to be provided on the contract review process and performance in light of the reduction in service.	→	→	→	✓
Concessions Policy	R&PSB	Cllrs Cullip and Tompson to work with officers to develop the policy which will feed into the 2012/13 budget.	→	→	→	✓
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			✓?	✓?
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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	✓?	✓?		
Partnership Scrutiny: Oxfordshire Waste Partnership	R&PSB	Monitor OWP review of Joint Municipal Waste Strategy and financial arrangements				✓
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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