

Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

| Title | Sub-committee | Comments | Meeting | | | |
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| | | | Oct | Nov | Dec | Later |
| OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | | | | | | |
| Scheduling – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny | | | | | | |
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| Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings | | | | | | |
| Equalities policy | OSC | Agenda item for 18 October meeting. | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Registered Social Landlords Relationship Policy | OSC | Cllrs Bonner, Emptage and R Stratford to progress with officers. Agenda item for 15 November 2011 | | ✓ | ✓? | |
| Empty Homes Policy | OSC | For policy development review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to submission to Executive. Agenda item for 15 November 2011 | | ✓ | | |
| 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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| 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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