

Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

Title	Sub-committee	Comments	Meeting			
			Jan	Mar	Later	
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE						
Scheduling – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny						
Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
Local Development Framework	OSC	For pre-decision scrutiny prior to submission to Executive. Agenda item for 13 March 2012.	✓			
Empty Homes Policy	OSC	For policy development review by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to submission to Executive. To include consideration of a loan fund to bring empty properties back into use. Agenda item for 31 January 2012.	✓			
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						
Scheduling – to identify and agree potential topics for scrutiny						
Partnerships: Bicester Vision	R&PSB	Agenda item for February meeting. Chairman to submit a scoping document for consideration.		✓		
Scrutiny – agreed topics for consideration at committee meetings						
Budget Scrutiny 2012/13	R&PSB	Consideration of items deferred from November 2011 meeting to agree recommendations to Executive in February 2012.	✓			
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				✓?
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						
Partnerships: ORCC	R&PSB	Progress against recommendations accepted by Executive in April 2010				✓

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		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. To include impact of budget reductions on crime and anti-social behaviour.				✓
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 use of external consultants by Cherwell District Council	FSWG	Monitor consultancy costs through the information provided to the Finance Scrutiny Working Group				✓
Budget 2012/13	R&PSB	Request during budget scrutiny that once the 2012/13 budget is finalised, reissue analysis with bullet point analysis				✓

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