

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2011/12 Work Programme

13 March 2012

Report of Head of Law and Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12.

This report is public

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note any items of interest in the current version of the Forward Plan (March – June 2012) and consider whether to include them on the work programme for 2011/12.
- (2) Note the current Overview and Scrutiny element of the work programme for 2011/12 as set out at Appendix 1.

Details

1 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12

- 1.1 Appendix 1 sets out the existing work programme for both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board, as agreed at the committee meetings in January 2012.
- 1.2 The Committee will wish to note any items of interest in the current version of the Forward Plan (March - June 2012) and consider whether to include them on the work programme for 2011/12.
- 1.3 The latest version of the Forward Plan can be found at

<http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=115&RD=0>

- 1.4 Members will note that the Strategic Tenancy Policy is included on the work programme. Two briefings were held for Members in January 2012 to allow detailed consideration of the draft policy and provided Members with an opportunity to contribute to the development of the policy. The Policy will be submitted to Executive for consideration in April 2012. Should Members have further questions about the Policy, they are requested to liaise directly with Housing Officers.

2 Potential Work Programme Items 2011/12 and 2012/13

- 2.1 There are no outstanding items for scrutiny on the 2011/12 work programme and no items have been submitted for inclusion on the 2012/13 work programme.

3 Agenda for 19 June 2012

- 3.1 The meeting on 19 June 2012 will focus on planning the work programme for meetings in 2012-2013.

4 Future Meetings Schedule

- 4.1 The future meeting dates for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board are listed below.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	19 June 2012 24 July 2012 11 September 2012 16 October 2012 27 November 2012 22 January 2013 12 March 2013 23 April 2013
Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board	12 June 2012 17 July 2012 4 September 2012 9 October 2012 20 November 2012 15 January 2013 5 March 2013 16 April 2013

Implications

- Financial:** There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific financial issues.
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- Legal:** There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific financial issues.
Comments checked by Paul Manning, Solicitor, 01295 221691
- Risk Management:** If the work programme contains too many items there is a risk that scrutiny agendas become overloaded. This undermines effective scrutiny because Members are unable to concentrate on the key issues and officer resources are over-stretched. It may be necessary to hold further meetings during the year if the risk of not achieving the work programme becomes apparent. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific risk issues.
Comments checked by James Doble, Democratic, Scrutiny and Elections Manager, 01295 221587

Wards Affected

Each scrutiny review will identify the wards affected

Corporate Plan Themes

Each scrutiny review will identify the relevant corporate plan themes

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Work Programme 2011/12
Background Papers	
None	
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