

**Cherwell District Council**  
**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**14 July 2015**

<b>Work Programme 2015/16</b>
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**Report of Head of Law and Governance**

This report is public

**Purpose of report**

This report presents the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 for consideration.

**1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 1.2 To note any items of interest in the Executive Work Programme and consider whether to include them on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16.
- 1.3 To consider if there are any other items Members would like to include on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

**2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 The work programme report identifies the topics and issues under consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and allows an opportunity for additional subjects to be identified and included on the programme.

**3.0 Report Details**

**Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16 is attached at appendix 1.

- 3.2 Members are invited to make any suggestions to improve the appearance of the work programme.
- 3.3 Each future agenda item includes an overview of the item and reason for consideration by the Committee.

**Executive Work Programme**

- 3.4 As part of the monthly work programme report, the Committee reviews the Executive Work Programme to consider whether there are any issues which they would wish to look at in more detail in advance of the Executive discussion and decision. To facilitate a thorough consideration of the topic the Committee will need to identify the Executive Work Programme items at an early stage of the decision making process.
- 3.5 The Executive Work Programme is updated and published monthly; an electronic copy is available on the council’s website and all councillors are sent a prompt containing the website link. Members of the Committee are encouraged to review the Executive Work Programme outside the committee meetings and to contact the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Democratic Services Officer if there is a topic that they wish to review.
- 3.6 The Committee will wish to note any items of interest in the current version of the Executive Work Programme and consider whether to include them on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2015/16.
- 3.7 At the time of writing this report, the current version of the Executive Work Programme is August to November 2015 and can be found at: [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)

**Update on current work programme items**

**Youth Engagement Review**

- 3.8 Councillor Bryn Williams will give a verbal update at the meeting. The scoping document is attached as Appendix 2 for information.

**Recycling Review**

- 3.9 At the June meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Bell gave an update on the recycling review. The Committee requested that Councillor Bell submit a consolidated briefing of the information gathered to date to enable Members to consider the next steps for the review. Councillor Bell is currently working on this and it will be available in due course. The agreed scoping document for the recycling review is attached as Appendix 3 for information.

**Future meetings Schedule**

- 3.10 The future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are listed below:

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	2015/16 01 September 2015, 6.30pm 13 October 2015, 6.30pm 24 November 2015, 6.30pm
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	12 January 2016, 6.30pm 23 February 2016, 6.30pm 5 April 2016, 6.30pm
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## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The recommendations as set out in the report are believed to be in the best interests of the Council.

## **5.0 Consultation**

None

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Option 2: To amend the recommendations.

Option 3: Not to agree the recommendations.

## **7.0 Implications**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific legal issue.

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### **Legal Implications**

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific financial issues.

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## Risk Management

- 7.3 If too many items are included on the work programme there is a risk that scrutiny agenda 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 reports of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific risk issues.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

### Wards Affected

Each scrutiny review will identify the wards affected.

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

Each Scrutiny Review will identify the relevant Corporate Plan and Policy framework links.

### Lead Councillor

None

### Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16
Appendix 2	Youth Review scoping document
Appendix 3	Recycling Review scoping document
Background Papers	
None	
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