

Cherwell District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 October 2015

Work Programme 2015/16

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 reschedule items relating to review of local plan process and Wind Turbines and their locations, and the application of the fracturing mining technique
- 1.3 To appoint a representative to the Graven Hill Partnering Board, as requested by Executive
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 Each future agenda item includes an overview of the item and reason for consideration by the Committee.
- 3.3 Members had been due to consider items from the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy relating to review of local plan process, and Wind Turbines and their locations, and the application of the fracturing mining technique. These items have had to be delayed, and the Committee is requested to consider which meetings they are rescheduled for.

Service Plan Review

- 3.4 Every year the Committee selects a service plan to review at a special, informal meeting to which all Members are invited. Last year the Committee looked at Waste Collection and Street Cleansing.
- 3.5 The Committee is asked to start giving consideration to which service plan it would like to review with a view to making a decision at the next meeting in November. The Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring and Customer Insight reports will be submitted to that meeting, which may inform the decision. It is anticipated that the service plan review meeting will be held in late January/early February.

Graven Hill Partnering Board

- 3.6 As reported at the last meeting of the Committee, Executive considered a Graven Hill Update report at its September meeting, and approved the recommendation to appoint a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Graven Hill Partnering Board.
- 3.7 The Committee is therefore requested to appoint a representative.

Executive Work Programme

- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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.

- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 At the time of writing this report, the current version of the Executive Work Programme is November 2015 to February 2016 and can be found at: www.cherwell.gov.uk

Update on current work programme items

Youth Engagement Review

- 3.12 The Youth Engagement Review working group will be asked to give a verbal update at the meeting.

Recycling Review

- 3.13 Following the overview given at the previous meeting by the Head of Environmental Services, on 5 October Executive considered a report on the strategic review of recycling. The report can be viewed via the following link [Executive Agenda for 5 October](#) (agenda item 9)
- 3.14 The Committee are requested to consider next steps for the Recycling Review in light of the report to Executive.

Future meetings Schedule

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

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2015/16
	24 November 2015, 6.30pm
	12 January 2016, 6.30pm
	23 February 2016, 6.30pm
	5 April 2016, 6.30pm

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 overstretched. 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
Background Papers	
None	
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