

Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 24 November 2015 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor David Hughes (Chairman)
Councillor Lynn Pratt (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Matt Johnstone
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Lawrie Stratford
Councillor Bryn Williams

Substitute Members: Councillor Sean Woodcock (In place of Councillor Claire Bell)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor James Porter
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Sandra Rhodes

Officers: Louise Tustian, Acting Corporate Performance and Insight Manager
Natasha Clark, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

31 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

33 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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Quarter 2 Performance Report

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Transformation which detailed performance figures for quarter 2, 1 July to 30 September 2015.

The Committee commented that some of the performance measures were not very specific, and therefore did not appear to be very meaningful. The Acting Corporate Performance Manager agreed that some measures could be more specific, and the support of the Committee in trying to achieve meaningful measures would be very helpful.

In response to questions raised by the Committee, the Acting Corporate Performance Manager advised that detailed responses would be circulated once relevant information had been gathered from officers.

The Acting Corporate Performance Manager also provided an update to the Committee with regards to the Performance Team. The Acting Corporate Performance Manager would be stepping down from the position, but remaining in the team, with effect from 1 January 2016, and a new appointment would be made for a period of 18 months.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted
- (2) That no performance related matters be referred to Executive

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Work Programme 2015/16

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Law and Governance which detailed the Overview and Scrutiny work programme for the coming year.

With regard to the Youth Engagement Review, Councillor Williams advised the Committee that all secondary schools had been spoken to regarding the intentions of the review, and further discussions were required with Warriner and Gosford schools. A further update would be provided at the next meeting.

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the trip to Westminster which had taken place with colleagues from South Northamptonshire Council. The group had met Clive Betts MP, Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee, who had given a presentation on the format of Select Committees. The group had also had the opportunity to ask questions of MPs Chris Heaton-Harris and Andrea Leadsom, before spending some time watching an inquiry evidence session which was taking place the same afternoon.

In response to queries from the Committee, it was agreed that the presentation from the session would be circulated to the Committee.

With regard to items for future consideration, the Committee expressed an interest in the Community Infrastructure Levy, and also an update on the

website redevelopment, as no further information had been received since the Joint Head of ICT had addressed the Committee in September.

In connection with a subject for the Service Plan review, the Committee expressed a possible interest in housing, in particular what measures were in place for monitoring registered social landlords.

Resolved

- (1) That subject to the following additions, the work programme be approved: consideration of Community Infrastructure Levy; and update on website redevelopment

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

Chairman:

Date: