

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 10 January 2017 at 6.45 pm

Present: Councillor Jolanta Lis (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Bryn Williams

Apologies for absence: Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Jason Slaymaker

Officers: Scott Barnes, Director of Strategy and Commissioning
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer

29 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

31 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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Development of Corporate Business Plan, Priorities and Pledges 2017/18

The Committee considered a report of the Director – Strategy and Commissioning which detailed the proposed Corporate Business Plan, Priorities and Pledges for 2017/18.

The Director explained that the plan had been worked on since July 2016, and had involved members of the Executive and the Joint Management team.

The Director added that an additional page was being drafted for inclusion in the plan, which would summarise the key issues currently facing local government.

In response to questions raised by the Committee relating to taxi policy, the removal of recycling bins from the Admiral Holland pub in Banbury and a change in the frequency of some financial reporting, the Director agreed to gather responses from relevant officers for circulation after the meeting.

Resolved

- (1) That the draft corporate priorities, outcomes and pledges for 2017/18 be noted
- (2) That no areas be referred to Executive

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Work Programme 2016/17

The Committee considered the work programme for the remainder of the 2016-2017 municipal year.

With regard to the working groups established at the November 2016 meeting of the Committee, officers advised that meetings would be arranged in due course to discuss the topics in more detail, and to draft scoping documents for consideration by the Committee.

In connection with the on-going situation with the Horton Hospital and the possible downgrading of available services, the Committee commented that it was important to monitor developments.

Resolved

- (1) That the work programme be noted

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm

Chairman:

Date: