

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

**25 May 2017**

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

This report is public

**Purpose of report**

To consider the outstanding items from the 2016-2017 Overview and Scrutiny work programme and determine whether they should be carried forward onto the 2017-2018 work programme.

**1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Decide whether to continue with the reviews started during the previous Municipal Year.
- 1.2 To identify any items from the Executive Work Programme to form part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Indicative Work Programme for 2017/18
- 1.3 To identify any other possible future topics for scrutiny and consider whether these topics should have scoping documents produced, based on the considerations of risk and what value scrutiny can add through considering the issue.

**2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 The Committee are required to review the Work Plan at each meeting and make any amendments required as a result of developments since the last meeting.
- 2.2 As this is the first meeting of the Municipal Year, it is a good time to review the whole work programme. At each subsequent meeting the Committee will be required to review and amend the work programme as necessary.

**3.0 Report Details**

**Update on current Scrutiny review**

**Youth Engagement Review**

- 3.1 The Youth Engagement Review was established in October 2014, and a scoping document was signed off by the Committee. Councillors Bryn Williams and Neil Prestidge were appointed to the working group, along with Councillor Dan Sames. Councillor Sames left the Committee in 2015.
- 3.2 In February 2017, the Committee approved a scoping document for a revised review (appendix 1).
- 3.3 Due to the county council elections, no further work has been completed on the review.
- 3.4 The Committee are asked to consider whether the review should continue, and if so, if membership of the working group needs reviewing.

#### **A361 Traffic review**

- 3.5 At the meeting of the Committee in May 2016, it was agreed that a working group be established to look at a potential review regarding the A361 through the district.
- 3.6 A scoping document was approved at the November 2016 meeting of the Committee.
- 3.7 The working group have carried out some initial research, as well as contacting parishes along the route of the A361 to find out about any particular black spots.
- 3.8 The Committee are asked to consider whether the review should continue, and if so, membership of the working group needs reviewing as Councillors Brown and Williams are no longer on the Committee.

#### **Mobile phone signal review**

- 3.9 Following concerns regarding the quality of mobile phone signal across the district, the Committee agreed to set up a working group comprising of Councillors Anderson, Brown, Lis, Prestidge and Williams.
- 3.10 At the last meeting of the Committee in February, officers advised the Committee of work being undertaken by the British Infrastructure Group (BIG) into the same subject. It was agreed that the working group would continue research gathering with a view to submitting it to the BIG review.
- 3.11 The Committee are asked to consider whether the review should continue, and if so, membership of the working group needs reviewing as Councillors Brown and Williams are no longer on the Committee.

#### **Executive Lead Members**

- 3.12 During the last Municipal Year, the Committee invited Executive Lead Members to give an overview of their areas of responsibility
- 3.13 Should the Committee wish to continue these invitations, officers will contact Executive Members.

#### **Performance Monitoring**

- 3.14 As discussed at agenda item 6, the Committee receives performance monitoring data each quarter which details how the Council is performing against agreed

measures. The Committee have the opportunity to refer any areas of concern to Executive for further discussion, or to request officer attendance to discuss issues in more detail.

### **Executive Work Programme**

- 3.15 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.
- 3.16 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.
- 3.17 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 Indicative Work Programme for 2017/18.
- 3.18 At the time of writing this report, the current version of the Executive Work Programme is June to September 2017 and can be found on the following page of the website: [Cherwell Forward Plan](#)

### **Future meetings Schedule**

- 3.19 The meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the next Municipal Year are listed below:

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	2017/18 11 July 29 August 10 October 21 November 23 January 2018 20 February 27 March
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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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## **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
1	Youth Engagement Review Scoping document
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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