

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Built Environment Conservation Areas

9 March 2010

### Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To conduct an initial scrutiny review into the Council's approach to Built Environment Conservation Areas and to consider whether to make recommendations to the Executive at this time and whether to undertake further scrutiny into this topic in 2010/11.

This report is public

#### Recommendations

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the briefing on the Council's approach to Built Environment Conservation Areas.
- (2) Consider whether they wish to make any recommendations to the Executive.
- (3) Consider whether they wish to include the issue on their work programme for further scrutiny in 2010/11.

#### Details

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##### 1 Built Environment Conservation Areas

- 1.1. At the meeting in January 2010 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reconsidered the draft scoping document for a scrutiny review into the Council's policies towards built area conservation.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed to consider the matter at the March meeting and asked officers to provide a presentation and briefing on the existing planning policies and regulations applicable to conservation areas; additional policies and controls that might be applied to conservation areas; and the relationship between Houses of Multiple Occupancy and deprivation in conservation areas.

- 1.3 The Strategic Director, Planning Housing and Economy will give a presentation at the meeting but Members may wish to familiarise themselves with the background information presented at Appendices 1 and 2.

## **2 Conclusion**

- 2.1 Following the briefing the Committee will be in a position to determine whether to make recommendations to the Executive and/or to add the topic to their work programme for more detailed scrutiny in 2010/11.

### **Implications**

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<b>Financial:</b>	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

### **Wards Affected**

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All

### **Corporate Plan Themes**

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A district of opportunity; A safe and healthy Cherwell; A cleaner, greener Cherwell

### **Executive Portfolio**

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Councillor Michael Gibbard  
Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

### **Document Information**

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<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
Appendix 1	Conservation area briefing note
Appendix 2	Houses in Multiple Occupancy briefing note
<b>Background Papers</b>	
Draft Report:	
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