

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2009/2010

9 March 2010

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Committee with an update on the work programme for 2009/10.

This report is public

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current overview and scrutiny work programme for 2009/10 as set out at Appendix 1 and make amendments as necessary;
- (2) Note the contents of the Forward Plan and identify any possible topics for scrutiny;
- (3) Note the draft report of the Anti Social Behaviour Task & Finish Group and consider whether they wish to amend or add to the recommendations to the Executive (Appendix 2 to follow);
- (4) Note the draft protocol for the conduct of crime and disorder scrutiny (Appendix 3 to follow).

Details

Introduction

- 1.1 Appendix 1 sets out the existing work programme for both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board, as agreed at the committee meetings in February 2010.

Proposals

Forward Plan

2.1 The Committee is asked to suggest items from the current Forward Plan (March – June 2010) on which it may wish to have an opportunity to offer advice to the Executive before any decision is taken, together with details of what it thinks could be achieved by looking at any items.

Kidlington Pedestrianisation

2.2 On 19 February 2010 Council proposed that the Kidlington Pedestrianisation capital bid should be referred to scrutiny for further consideration. The Strategic Director, Planning Housing and Economy will brief the Committee on the background to this bid.

Anti Social Behaviour Task & Finish Group Report

2.3 At the meeting in February 2010 the Committee agreed to review the report of the Anti Social Behaviour Task & Finish Group prior to its submission to the Executive. The Chairman of the Task & Finish Group will be present at the meeting to discuss the report, an updated copy of which will be circulated to Committee members in advance of the meeting (Appendix 2 to follow).

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Protocol

2.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been formally designated as the crime and disorder scrutiny committee for Cherwell District Council.

2.5 The Head of Legal Services and the Democratic, Elections and Scrutiny Manager have been delegated to develop a protocol for the conduct of crime and disorder scrutiny at Cherwell. The first draft of this protocol is still in preparation but will be circulated in advance of the meeting to allow an initial discussion of the main issues (Appendix 3 to follow).

Implications

Financial: There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific financial issues.

Comments checked by Denise Westlake, CSR Service Accountant, Payroll and Pensions Manager, 01295 221982

Legal: There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific legal issues.

Comments checked by Liz Howlett, Head of Legal

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Risk Management: If too many items are included on the work programme there is a risk that scrutiny agendas 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 report of the individual scrutiny reviews will address any specific risk issues.

Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk Management & Insurance Officer 01295 221566

Wards Affected

All

Corporate Plan Themes

All

Executive Portfolio

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2009/2010
Appendix 2	Anti Social Behaviour Task & Finish Group Report ~ to follow
Appendix 3	Draft protocol for the conduct of crime and disorder scrutiny
Background Papers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Forward Plan (March – June 2010)	
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