

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11

21 September 2010

### Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Committee on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11.

This report is public

#### Recommendations

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current Overview and Scrutiny Committee element of the work programme for 2010/11 as set out at Appendix 1.
- (2) Note any items of interest in the current version of the Forward Plan (September - December 2010) and consider whether to include them on the work programme for 2010/11.
- (3) Note the feedback from the Executive consideration of the scrutiny reports on Democratic Engagement with young people and Crime & Anti-social behaviour.
- (4) Note the current status of the Civil Parking Enforcement / Banbury Resident's Parking schemes.
- (5) Note the update regarding RAF Bicester
- (6) Note the feedback from the Centre for Public Scrutiny Annual Conference.
- (7) Note the agenda items for the 6 and 26 October 2010 meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## Details

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### **1 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11**

- 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 July 2010.

### **2 Forward Plan**

- 2.1 The Committee will wish to note any items of interest in the current version of the Forward Plan (September - December 2010) and consider whether they wish to include them on the work programme for 2010/11.
- 2.2 The latest version of the Forward Plan can be found at:  
<http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=135&RP=115>

### **3 Executive consideration of scrutiny reports**

- 3.1 The Executive agreed the scrutiny reports on Democratic Engagement with young people and Crime & Anti-social behaviour at their meeting on 6 September 2010.

### **4 Civil Parking Enforcement and Banbury Resident's Parking**

- 4.1 The Executive report on this topic has been postponed until later in the autumn. The Portfolio Holder, Strategic Director and Head of Service are all aware of this committee's desire to have a chance to consider the report before it is submitted to the Executive.

### **5 RAF Bicester**

- 5.1 The Chief Executive wrote to the Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP, Secretary of State for Defence, on 21 July 2010, regarding the future of RAF Bicester. As yet there has been no response. At present there is nothing further to report and we are awaiting an update from Government / MOD on future of the site.
- 5.2 City and Country Group, the new owners of the domestic site at RAF Bicester, are holding a public exhibition at the site on Friday 17 September (3pm – 8pm) and Saturday 18 September (11am – 3pm).

## **6 Centre for Public Scrutiny Annual Conference**

- 6.1 Councillor Donaldson will brief the committee on his attendance at the Centre for Public Scrutiny Conference on 30 June – 1 July 2010.

## **7 R&PSB Work Programme**

- 7.1 The Committee may wish to note that the proposals for the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board's scrutiny of the 2011/12 Budget include an item on training (member and staff).

## **8 Joint Scrutiny Committee Meeting 6 October 2010**

- 8.1 The Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board have agreed to hold a joint meeting of the two committees on Wednesday 6 October at 6.30pm. There will be one item of business at this meeting: consideration of the draft business case for the shared management arrangements between South Northamptonshire Council and Cherwell District Council. As is usual practice, the agenda will be available a week before the meeting and the Chairmen will be agreeing the procedure for the meeting in due course.

## **9 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting 26 October 2010**

### **Built Environment Conservation Policy**

- 9.1 This will be the main topic for discussion and the approach and format will be as set out in the detailed project plan.

## **10 Future Meetings Schedule**

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| <b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> | 6 October 2010, 6.30pm<br>26 October 2010, 6.30pm<br>14 December 2010, 6.30pm<br>25 January 2010, 6.30pm<br>8 March 2010, 6.30pm |
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## **Implications**

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**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, Service Accountant CS&R, 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 Paul Manning, Solicitor, 01295 221691

**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 over-stretched. 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 and Insurance Officer, 01295 221566

### **Wards Affected**

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Each scrutiny review will identify the wards affected.

### **Corporate Plan Themes**

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Each scrutiny review will identify the relevant corporate plan themes.

### **Document Information**

| <b>Appendix No</b>         | <b>Title</b>   |
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| Appendix 1                 | Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11             |
| <b>Background Papers</b>   |  |
| None                       |  |
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