

Committee: Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board
Date: Tuesday 22 September 2009
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

**Councillor Colin Clarke
(Chairman)**

Councillor Alyas Ahmed

Councillor Maurice Billington

Councillor Margaret Cullip

Councillor Victoria Irvine

Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Devena Rae

Councillor Carol Steward

Councillor Keith Strangwood

Councillor Patricia Tompson

Councillor Douglas Webb

Councillor Martin Weir

Substitutes

**Councillor Nick Cotter, Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards,
Councillor Lawrie Stratford and Councillor John Wyse**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 July 2009.

5. Budget 2010/11

The Head of Finance will brief the Board on the options for the scrutiny of the 2010/11 budget.

6. Improving Partnership Working - Progress Report (Pages 15 - 33)

Report of the Head of Improvement

Summary

To provide the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board with an update on the progress of the Improving Partnership Working project.

Recommendations

The Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to comment on the attached report on the progress of the Improving Partnership Working Project (Appendix 1).

7. Partnership Scrutiny - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (Pages 34 - 50)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To update Members on the progress to date of the scrutiny review of Oxfordshire Rural Community Council

Recommendations

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- 1) Note the contents of the report and that the review is ongoing.
- 2) Identify further actions to progress the review.
- 3) Consider the issues arising from the Sustainable Community Strategy that impact on the Council's partnership with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council.
- 4) To consider the issues Members wish to raise at the question and answer session with the Portfolio Holder Community Safety, Street Scene and Rural, the Strategic Director Environment and Community and the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Chief Executive at the Board's October meeting.

8. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09 (Pages 51 - 68)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

The Chairman will present the Overview and Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2008/09.

Recommendations

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- 1) Note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2008/09.

9. The Councillor Call for Action (Pages 69 - 76)

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

This report advises Members of the introduction of a Councillor Call for Action as determined by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007.

Recommendations

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- 1) Note the contents of this report and to consider the implications for this Council of the Councillor Call for Action
- 2) Note the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Councillor Call for Action Guidance (Appendix 1)

10. Work Programme (Pages 77 - 87)

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Summary

To provide the Board with an update on the overview and scrutiny work programme for 2009/10.

Recommendations

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- 3) Note the current Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board element of the work programme for 2009/10 as set out at Appendix 1.
- 4) Note the update on elements of the 2009/10 budget scrutiny (fees and charges).
- 5) Note the update from the Finance Scrutiny and Performance Scrutiny Working Groups.
- 6) Note the update on the food waste processing initiative.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01295 221589 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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