

**Committee:** Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board  
**Date:** Tuesday 1 March 2011  
**Time:** 6.45 pm  
**Venue:** Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

### **Membership**

<b>Councillor Nicholas Mawer (Chairman)</b>	<b>Councillor David Hughes (Vice-Chairman)</b>
<b>Councillor Alyas Ahmed</b>	<b>Councillor Rick Atkinson</b>
<b>Councillor Maurice Billington</b>	<b>Councillor Margaret Cullip</b>
<b>Councillor Tim Emptage</b>	<b>Councillor Neil Prestidge</b>
<b>Councillor Carol Steward</b>	<b>Councillor Patricia Tompson</b>
<b>Councillor Douglas Webb</b>	<b>Councillor Martin Weir</b>

### **Substitutes**

<b>Councillor Nick Cotter</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards</b>
<b>Councillor Lawrie Stratford</b>	<b>Councillor Douglas Williamson</b>

## **AGENDA**

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip. Where a member is subject to a party whip they must declare this at the beginning of the meeting and it should be recorded in the minutes.

### **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 - 6)**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 January 2011.

### **5. Engagement of External Consultants By Cherwell District Council**

A member of the Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board suggested the engagement of external consultants by Cherwell District Council as a potential topic for scrutiny. This is an opportunity for members of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board to question officers about the topic.

The Community and Corporate Planning Manager and Finance Officers will be present at the meeting.

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board will wish to reflect on the evidence and agree the next steps.

### **6. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11 (Pages 7 - 14)**

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services

#### **Summary**

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

#### **Recommendations**

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the current Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board element of the work programme for 2010/11 as set out at Appendix 1.
- (2) Note the agenda items for the 21 June 2011 meeting of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board.
- (3) Note the update on the Finance Scrutiny Working Group and Performance Scrutiny Working Group meetings.

**Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.**

## **Information about this Meeting**

### **Apologies for Absence**

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### **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.

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

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### **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.

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