

## ORCC Partnership Scrutiny (September 2009)

**Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board:** Cllrs Clarke, Ahmed, Billington, Cullip, Irvine, Mawer, Rae, Stratford, Strangwood, Tompson, Webb, Weir.

**Timescale:** July – October 2009

**Scrutiny support:** Catherine Phythian & Natasha Clark

**Service area support:** Chris Rothwell, Grahame Helm, Kevin Larner

No.	Key Task	Outcome	Milestones	Resources
<b>To establish an understanding of the work of the ORCC</b>				
<b>To gain a better understanding of the relationship between CDC and ORCC</b>				
<b>To receive information on the structure and organisation of ORCC</b>				
1.1	Initial briefing from CDC Officers	Good understanding of the work of ORCC and what it delivers for CDC	21 July	All members
1.2	Visit to ORCC offices & staff		August	Members Scrutiny Officer Kevin Larner ORCC staff
<b>To review and understand the funding arrangements</b>				
1.3	Detailed consideration of CDC funding support to ORCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of CDC funding to ORCC for last 5 years</li> <li>Details of comparative funding from OCC and other Councils</li> </ul>	Briefing meeting in Aug/Sept	Members Scrutiny Officer Finance Officer Rothwell/Helm/Larner
<b>To determine the extent to which the partnership meets the needs of the residents, businesses and parish councils in the rural areas</b>				
1.4	Detailed consideration of CDC rural issues as identified in Rural Strategy and Sustainable Communities Strategy	Identify key issues and concerns and the extent to which they are matched by the work of ORCC	Briefing meeting in August	Members Scrutiny Officer Community Planning Officer Rothwell/Helm/Larner

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1.5	Informal site visits to villages (3 or 4) from across the district <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve ward councillor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct evidence from members of public and rural residents regarding needs and experience of ORCC / CDC services</li> </ul>	17 August – 4 Sept	Members Scrutiny Officer Kevin Larner ORCC staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve Parish Council reps</li> <li>Speak to ordinary residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand the issues of concern to the user groups in the district.</li> </ul>		
<b>To determine whether the partnership provides value for money for Cherwell and meets the goals of both partners</b>				
1.6	Review best practice, successful schemes in other areas.	Identify potential for replication of best practice at Cherwell.	Desk top survey July/August Briefing meeting in Aug/Sept	Scrutiny Officer Members Rothwell/Helm/Larner
1.7	Review the experience of other Oxfordshire Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparison of CDC arrangements</li> <li>Identify areas for improvement / change</li> </ul>	Meetings in Aug/Sept	Members Scrutiny Officer Rothwell/Helm/Larner
1.8	Q&A session with ORCC Chief Executive, PfH and Strategic Director	To discuss initial conclusions and draft report/recommendations	20 October	All Members

Meeting date	21 July	Aug	Aug	Aug/Sept	Sept	22 Sept	Early Oct	20 Oct
<b>Topic</b>	1.1 and 1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	All		1.8
<b>Witnesses</b>	Helm & Rothwell	Finance staff	Community Planning Manager	Public	Other Councils	N/A		ORCC Ch Exec PfH Strategic Director
<b>Present/ Expected</b>	R&PSB					R&PSB		R&PSB