



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 6 September 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Sandy Dallimore (Chairman)	Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Maurice Billington	Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor John Broad	Councillor Ian Harwood
Councillor David Hingley	Councillor Matt Hodgson
Councillor Ian Middleton	Councillor Perran Moon
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Councillor Bryn Williams

Substitutes Any member of the relevant political group, excluding Executive members

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. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2022.

4. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

5. Urgent Business

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

6. Climate Change update

Officers will give a comprehensive update on the Climate Change work taking place across the Council, and seek Committee's agreement to the establishment of a Climate Change working group.

Terms of Reference for the working group are currently being drafted, and will be circulated shortly.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the establishment of a Climate Change Working Group
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Democratic Services (interim), in consultation with the working group Chairman, to finalise the scoping document.

(a) Climate Change - Carbon Management Plans

Report of Assistant Director Environmental Services.

Please note this report will be to follow

7. Air Quality Update (Pages 11 - 20)

Report of Assistant Director Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Purpose of report

This report provides Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the air quality monitoring carried out across the district in 2021 and the air quality data obtained, the current district Air Quality Action Plan, and other air quality related matters. Air quality monitoring data shows significant air quality improvements over the last 5-year period in the air quality management areas of the District.

The Council's Business Plan includes a specific commitment to "Work with partners to improve air quality" within the Supporting Environmental Sustainability priority.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the work undertaken by the Council and its partners in relation to air quality in the District and the 2021/22 air quality monitoring data.

8. Cost of Living update

Officers will give a comprehensive update on work taking place across the Council regarding the cost of living crisis.

The update will include details on actions to address fuel poverty, and progress regarding the food poverty motion that was adopted at Full Council on 18 July 2022.

The Committee are asked to approve the establishment of a food poverty working group. Terms of Reference for the working group are currently being drafted, and will be circulated shortly.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the establishment of a Food Poverty Working Group
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Democratic Services (interim), in consultation with the working group Chairman, to finalise the scoping document.

9. Work Programme 2022/2023 (Pages 21 - 26)

There are two documents for the Committee to consider:

Appendix 1 – indicative work programme 2022-23.

Appendix 2 – update on items previously considered.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended

- 1.1 To consider and agree the indicative work programme 2022-23.
- 1.2 To consider and comment on the items previously considered by Committee.

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

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01295 221953 / 01295 221591 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.

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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