



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 27 June 2023
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor John Broad (Chairman)	Councillor Isabel Creed (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Maurice Billington	Councillor Ian Harwood
Councillor Simon Holland	Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Councillor Lynne Parsons
Councillor Rob Pattenden	Councillor Dorothy Walker
Councillor Douglas Webb	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 - 12)

To confirm as correct records the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 14 March 2023 and 23 May 2023.

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. FAST Programme Review

The Sport and Physical Activity Manager will give a presentation on the FAST Programme (Families Active Sporting Together), explaining the big Impact it has had on families across Cherwell over last four years and how it has enabled family provision to be upscaled across the county through Public Health funding.

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the presentation.

7. Overview of the Housing Register (Pages 13 - 76)

Report of the Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Committee with an overview of the Cherwell District Council Housing Register and allocations process

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note how the Council administers applications it receives to the Housing Register and enacts its Housing Allocations Scheme.

1.2 To note the basis for a review of the Council's allocations and banding scheme to ensure that the scheme is working correctly in prioritising and meeting local housing needs now and in the foreseeable future. Progress on which will be reported back to the Committee.

8. Wellbeing Strategy

The Assistant Director – Wellbeing & Housing will present the draft Wellbeing Strategy to the Committee.

Recommendation

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the presentation.

9. Year End 2022/2023 and May 2023 Performance Monitoring Report

****Please note this report will follow****

Report of Assistant Director – Customer Focus

10. Working Groups Update (Pages 77 - 78)

To give consideration to the continuation of the three working groups as detailed on the briefing note.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to consider:

1.1 Whether the three working groups will continue.

1.2 Where it is decided they will continue, the membership of each group.

11. Work Programme 2023/24

The Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead will present the indicative Committee work programme for 2023/2024. Committee Members will have an opportunity to suggest items for inclusion on the work programme.

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

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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