



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 26 November 2024
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

**Councillor Dr Isabel Creed
(Chairman)**

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Andrew Crichton
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Lynne Parsons

Councillor Nigel Simpson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor John Broad
Councillor Grace Conway-Murray
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor Barry Wood

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. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Minutes (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm as correct records the minutes of the meetings held on 15 October and 12 November 2024.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Urgent Business

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

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following item contains exempt information as defined in the following paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item has been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

8. Proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042 - Supplementary EXEMPT Documents

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report of the Assistant Director Planning and Development on the draft proposed Cherwell Local Plan 2042 at its [extraordinary meeting on 12 November 2024](#).

At the meeting, the Committee requested that the following supporting documents be submitted to this meeting for consideration prior to submission to Executive on 2 December 2024.

- a1) Draft Sustainability Appraisal Non-technical Summary
- a2) Draft Sustainability Appraisal WIP
- b) Draft WIP Habitats Regulation Assessment
- c) the Health and Equalities Impact Assessment
- d) Interim Duty to Cooperate Statement
- e) Local Plan Appendix 4 - Strategic Gaps associated with Banbury, Bicester and Heyford Park: Key Characteristics and Recommendations

All documents listed above are exempt. Due to the size of the exempt documents, they are supplements to the main agenda.

The Committee was advised at the 12 November meeting that the Heritage Impact Assessment was published and is available on the Cherwell District Council [website](#).

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To review the exempt supplementary documents and identify any comments for consideration by the Executive at its meeting on 2 December 2024.

9. Readmittance of the press and public

The Committee to resolve to readmit the press and public.

10. Report on Safeguarding and the annual return (Pages 15 - 20)

Presentation of Assistant Director - Wellbeing and Housing (Attached)

Purpose of report

To update members on the safeguarding self-assessment ahead of review in February 2025.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the presentation.

11. Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2024-2025 (Pages 21 - 72)

Report of Assistant Director – Customer Focus

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's performance position at the end of Quarter 2 2024-25.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's performance Quarter 2 report.

12. Working Groups Update (Pages 73 - 80)

An update on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Food Insecurity and Climate Action Scrutiny Working Groups since the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 October 2024.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the Scrutiny Working Groups update.
- 1.2 To agree the terms of reference for the Climate Action Scrutiny Working Group, as set out in Appendix 1 of the briefing note.

13. Work Programme 2024 - 2025 Update (Pages 81 - 84)

An update on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and agree the Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/2025 update.

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01295 221534 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.

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