

Update on items previously submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This document will be used to track progress of items that have been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to submission to another meeting, such as Executive or Full Council.

Item Description	Resolution from Overview & Scrutiny	Outcome
<p>**New** 2020-2022 Community Nature Plan Progress update</p> <p>(Considered 30 November 2021, Minute 33 refers)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the 2020-2022 Community Nature Plan progress report and its approach to addressing the Council's statutory biodiversity be noted. 2. That the essential role of key partners in the delivery of the Community Nature Plan be recognised. 3. That it be noted that the development of the 2022-2024 Community Nature Plan (CNP) will include an all-member seminar in 2022 involving planners, as requested by Overview & Scrutiny in December 2020, and it be noted that the implications of the Environment Act will be taken into account in this next iteration of the CNP. 	<p>This item was considered by Executive at its 10 January 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Executive resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That The 2020-2022 Community Nature Plan progress report and its approach to addressing the Council's statutory biodiversity duty be noted. 2. That the essential role of key partners in the delivery of the Community Nature Plan be recognised. 3. That it be noted that the development of the 2022-2024 Community Nature Plan (CNP) will include an all-member seminar in 2022 involving planners, as requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee December 2020 and the implications of the provisions of the Environment Act will be taken into account in this next iteration of the Community

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<p>Changes to Cherwell District Council's Housing Allocation Scheme</p> <p>(Considered 7 September 2021, Minute 16 refers)</p>	<p>1. That the proposed changes to the Housing Allocation Scheme be supported</p>	<p>This item was considered by Executive at its 1 November 2021 meeting, and the comments of the Committee were reported.</p> <p>Executive resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed changes to the Housing Allocation Scheme be approved and the scheme (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted. 2. That authority be delegated to the Interim Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, to make any minor editorial amendments to the Scheme as needed prior to publication.
<p>Draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement 2021 (Cherwell District Council)</p> <p>(Considered 7 September 2021, Minute 17 refers)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement be noted 2. That the following comments be submitted to the Executive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For all future consultations, a mechanism for ensuring residents directly affected by a consultation are contacted and encouraged to respond b. A continuous effort is required to improve quality and standard of housing in the district 	<p>This item was considered by Executive at its 1 November 2021 meeting, and the comments of the Committee were reported</p> <p>Executive resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the changes to the draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement in response to the feedback and officer responses set out in the Consultation Report be noted

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the final draft Tenancy Strategy and Affordability Statement (Annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved to ensure that the council meets statutory requirements and complies with good practice 3. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Housing and Social Care Commissioning in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing, to make any minor editorial amendments to the strategy as needed prior to publication; and, to approve annual updates to the Tenancy Strategy appendices to ensure the data remains relevant.
<p>Constitution Review 2021 (Considered 7 September 2021, Minute 18 refers)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the process for the 2021 annual review of the Constitution be endorsed. 2. That the establishment of a cross-party Constitution Review working group be agreed. 3. That the Director Law and Governance be requested to liaise with Political Group Leaders to agree the practical steps and process for the review. 	<p>Following liaison with Political Group Leaders, the Terms of Reference for the review have been submitted to the 30 November meeting of the Committee for consideration.</p>
<p>The Oxfordshire Plan Regulation 18 Part 2 Consultation Document</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft Executive report and the Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation 	<p>Considered by Executive on 19 July 2021 Minute 37 refers.</p>

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<p>(Considered 14 July 2021, Minute 10 refers)</p>	<p>document for public consultation be noted.</p> <p>2. That the following observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be reported to the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A feeling of discontent amongst the Committee regarding the volume of information relating to the consultation, and the length of time Members had to go through it (acknowledging that it was within statutory legal timescales for agenda publication but not ideal). The Committee felt unable to sufficiently scrutinise the documentation in the available time.2. A request for a clear communications strategy, and for progress updates and further involvement of both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee specifically, and more general briefings for all Members during the course of work on the plan following the Regulation 18 consultation3. A request for an understanding as to how the plan will address the estimated annual cost to the economy in relation to Mental Health, as detailed in the table in paragraph 248 of the consultation document	<p>Councillor Wallis attended the meeting to present the feedback from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Committee was thanks for its contribution.</p> <p>Executive resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation document be approved for public consultation2. That an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which will become the formal basis for the forthcoming Regulation 18 Part 2 Consultation be adopted3. That the Assistant Director be authorised to make any necessary editorial corrections and minor amendments to the documents, and to agree the final publication style, in liaison with the Lead Member for Planning and subject to agreement with their counterparts in the other four partner Local Planning Authorities. <p>The consultation document was also approved by the four other Local Planning Authorities, and the consultation opened at the end of July and will run for 10 weeks, to Friday 8 October. Any individuals wishing to submit a consultation response can do so through the Consultation website.</p>
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	<p>(Committee supplement part 1, page 87).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. A request for the later stages of the Plan process to focus on the Affordable Homes aspect, specifically social housing and social rented housing, acknowledging the explanation from the Assistant Director – Planning and Development that in planning terms ‘affordable’ does include social rented housing.5. A request for clarity regarding how the preferred and alternative options will be presented in the final consultation document, to avoid possible confusion for those reading it.6. In relation to Policy Option 01: Sustainable Design and Construction, the removal of caveats such as ‘this policy would be subject to viability and deliverability testing’ (Committee supplement part 1, page 52) as they could be used as ‘get outs’ by land owners/developers later in the plan process7. Concerns around the Oxfordshire Growth Needs Assessment documents and the accuracy of the figures	
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	<p>8. Natural growth is not referred to through the document, trajectory graphs provided are all straight lines and do not seem to take account for natural growth to decrease as well as increase.</p> <p>9. Within Policy Option 10 – Green Belt (Paragraph 258, Committee supplement 1 page 89), National Planning Policy Framework guidelines are frequently referred to but the messages are mixed. In some cases there seems to be a suggestion of making it easier to build on Green Belt, and in others discussion is around enhancing Green Belt.</p>	
<p>Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 to 2026 – considered on 12 January 2021, Minute 41 refers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft strategy be noted. 2. That Executive be advised the strategy should focus on Social Housing provision rather than Affordable Housing. 3. That the Executive be requested to explore the potential of housing co-operatives. 	<p>Considered by Executive on 1 March 2021, Minute 105 refers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The amended Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 – 2026 be approved <p>In addition to the resolution the then Lead member for Housing Councillor John Donaldson confirmed that increasing social housing was a priority.</p>
<p>Draft Statement of Licensing Policy – considered on 12 January 2021, Minute 42 refers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy be supported 	<p>Considered by Executive on 1 February 2021, Minute 96 refers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed changes to the policy

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	<p>The Committee also requested clarity on the process for notifying Councillors and town/parish councils of Licensing applications in their areas.</p>	<p>were endorsed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Officers were requested to provide feedback to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in response to their comments regarding...notification to ward members of licensing applications
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020/21 – considered on 16 March 2021, Minute 52 refers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2020/21 be noted.	<p>Considered by full Council on 19 May 2021, Minute 16 refers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The report was noted <p>The Committee fulfilled their Constitutional obligation to provide an annual report.</p>