



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Briefing Paper

Subject: Working Groups update

If in attendance at the meeting on 12 March, the chair from each group will be invited to give verbal updates.

Climate Action

Councillor Dr Isabel Creed - Chair
Councillor John Broad
Councillor Patrick Clarke
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Rebecca Biegel
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Sean Woodcock
Councillor Andrew McHugh – as Portfolio Holder, Cleaner and Greener Communities

The Climate Action group are due to meet on 7 March, to receive detailed updates from Climate Action Manager Jo Miskin on various aspects of Climate Action work.

Working Group Chair Councillor Dr Isabel Creed will provide a verbal overview of the items covered at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 12 March.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – joint group with Personnel Committee

Councillor Gemma Coton – Chair, and Personnel nominated member
Councillor Patrick Clarke
Councillor Lynne Parsons
Councillor Rob Pattenden
Councillor Chris Pruden – Personnel nominated member
Councillor Sandy Dallimore – as Portfolio Holder, Corporate Services

The EDI group met on 13 February to go through final drafts of all three work plans prior to their submission to various Committees, as covered at agenda item 8.

Personnel Committee considered the Inclusive Workplace action plan at their meeting on 7 February, where it was endorsed and recommended to Executive for agreement.

Food Insecurity

Councillor Rebecca Biegel – Chair
Councillor Patrick Clarke
Councillor Isabel Creed
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke
Councillor Bryn Williams
Councillor Dorothy Walker
Councillor Phil Chapman – as Portfolio Holder, Healthy and Safe Communities



The Food Insecurity group met on 20 February, and received detailed updates on the food voucher scheme and community food grants.

The group also received updates in relation to household support fund equipment grants; growing spaces; cook together, eat together; and progress on discussions regarding a food hub in the north of the county.

The draft Cherwell Food Action Plan is due to be considered by Executive at their meeting on 4 March, a verbal update will be given at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the outcome of the Executive discussion.

The group will meet again on 20 March, when they will receive a Winter Warmers update and hope to hear from some community speakers.

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