

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014**  
**MAIN POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**AND FOLLOW UP ACTION**  
**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**(Contact: Councillor Peter Handley)**

(The report is for information)

**1. PURPOSE**

To consider the main points arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 21 November 2013 and to provide an update on the follow up action that has been taken.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That, the report be noted.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. At the meeting of this Committee held on 21 November 2013 five reports were received and considered together with a presentation from the manager of the Witney Hub.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Chairman's Update Report**

3.2. The Chairman's Update Report was received and noted.

**Agenda Item No. 6: Witney Hub**

3.3. The Committee received a presentation from Annelies Henshall, Service Manager of West Oxfordshire Early Intervention Service in respect of work undertaken at the centre.

3.4. It was agreed that the information received be noted and issues raised be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 7: Committee Work Programme**

3.5. Updates were given in respect of a number of items in the work programme and the report was then noted.

**Agenda Item No. 8: Cabinet Work Programme**

3.6. The Cabinet Work Programme published on 12 November 2013 was received and noted.

**Agenda Item No. 9: Budget 2014/2015**

3.7. Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director regarding the draft budget proposals for 2014/2015.

- 3.8. The Committee resolved that Cabinet be advised that the committee noted the present position in respect of the 2014/2015 budget and that it supported the retention of the existing level of budget for grants to voluntary bodies if the necessary funding could be identified.
- 3.9. Cabinet considered the feedback from all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees and the final budget proposals will be considered by Council in February.

**Agenda Item No. 10: Welfare Reform Update**

- 3.10. The committee considered the report of the Joint Head of Revenues and Benefits providing an update on the implementation of various strands of the Welfare Reform programme; and their impact on residents of West Oxfordshire.
- 3.11. After discussion it was resolved that the information provided be noted and the issue be retained on the Committee Work Programme for future updates.

**Agenda Item No. 11: Performance Indicators – Quarter Two 2013/2014**

- 3.12. The committee resolved to note the second quarter 2013/2014 performance indicator information.

**Agenda Item No. 12: Members Questions**

- 3.13. There were no members questions.

**4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

None.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**6. RISKS**

None.

**7. REASONS**

The Chairman's summary of the previous meeting is an opportunity for the Chairman to outline to members progress made on their ideas and suggestions from the previous Committee meetings. It will also provide members with a further chance to comment on these subjects and provide a transparent method of showing the effectiveness of members' contributions to this Committee and its key overview and scrutiny role in monitoring, evaluating, questioning, challenging and developing policy.

Councillor Peter Handley  
Chairman of Economic and Social Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 9 January 2014

Background Papers:

None