

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 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 meetings of the Committee held on 10 July and 5 August 2014 and to provide an update on the follow up action that has been taken.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That, the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

10 July 2014

3.1. At the meeting of this Committee held on 10 July 2014 six reports were received and considered.

Chairman's Update Report

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

Response to a County Patient Transport Service Consultation

3.3. The Committee received the report of the Joint Head of Leisure and Communities informing of a consultation on changes to the Patient Transport Service (PTS) in Oxfordshire.

3.4. After discussion it was resolved that Cabinet be recommended that neither of the two options in the report should be supported. The Committee outlined a number of priorities that should be considered when looking at the service and in the event of changes being implemented suggestions of initiatives to minimise the impact.

3.5. The recommendation was considered and supported at the subsequent Cabinet meeting.

Housing Related Support Proposals

3.6. Consideration was given to a report seeking the views of the committee on the implications of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) proposals for reduced spending on housing related support.

3.7. The committee expressed disappointment at the budget cuts that had been made in respect of housing related support and identified that particular budgets such as funding for domestic abuse work and floating support should be retained if possible.

3.8. The Cabinet considered the recommendations at a meeting on 20 August 2014 and agreed that a consultation response be submitted reflecting the views expressed by this committee together with a number of additional issues.

Committee Work Programme

- 3.9. Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director seeking approval of the Committee Work Programme for the forthcoming municipal year.
- 3.10. Members discussed specific work areas and approved the work programme.

Cabinet Work Programme

- 3.11. The Cabinet Work Programme published on 17 June 2014 was received and noted.

Start Time of Meetings

- 3.12. It was resolved to hold meetings for the remainder of the municipal year at 6.30pm.

Performance Indicators

- 3.13. The report of the shared Head of Business Information and Change providing information on the Council's performance for the fourth quarter of the year 2013/2014 was received and noted.

5 August 2014

Call In of Cabinet Decision – West Oxfordshire Local Plan Housing Consultation

- 3.14. Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding the call-in of a Cabinet decision.
- 3.15. The Committee resolved not to support the call-in request.

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: 21 August 2014

Background Papers:

None