

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 9 JULY 2015
MAIN POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 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 28 May 2015 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 28 May 2015 five reports together with a presentation were received and considered.

Meeting the Needs of an Ageing Population

3.2. The Committee received a presentation from officers of the council and representatives of organisations working with people living with dementia and their families in the district.

3.3. Members asked a number of questions and after a detailed discussion it was resolved:

- (a) That the information provided at the meeting be noted; and
- (b) That a further report on the issues raised be considered at a future meeting.

Local Plan Monitoring Report 2013/2014

3.4. Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director regarding the Council's Local Plan monitoring report for 2013/14 prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

3.5. After discussion it was resolved that, the content of the 2013/2014 Local Plan monitoring report is noted for information

3.6. The Cabinet considered the report at a meeting on 17 June 2015 where the report was agreed subject to the following amendments:

(a) *Page 27 – Table 11 – Local Plan employment land allocations update 2014
Column 1, Row 2 amended to read 'East of Downs Road, West Witney'*

(b) *Page 32 - Additional Paragraph added:*

5.6 *Permission was granted in 2013 (13/0530/P/CM) for extended sand and gravel extraction in the Lower Windrush Valley around Gill Mill. The Council recognises that there are opportunities to introduce beneficial after uses to areas such as this*

including biodiversity enhancements and eco-tourism potential associated with new reed beds, meadows and woodlands.

Committee Work Programme 2015/2016

- 3.7. Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director seeking agreement of a Committee Work Programme for 2015/2016.
- 3.8. Members discussed specific work areas and agreed a Work Programme for the year. An update on the programme is included on the agenda for this meeting.

Cabinet Work Programme

- 3.9. The Cabinet Work Programme published on 19 May 2015 was received and noted.

Start Time of Meetings

- 3.10. The report of the Head of Democratic Services seeking agreement of the start time for meetings in 2015/2016 was considered.
- 3.11. The committee resolved to hold meetings at 6.30pm for the municipal year.

Right to Move – Allocations Policy

- 3.12. The committee received the report of the Joint Head of Revenues and Housing Support that had been considered by Cabinet on 27 May 2015.
- 3.13. After discussion it was agreed that the Cabinet decision should be supported as the best approach for meeting the new legislative requirements.

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: 23 June 2015

Background Papers: None