

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016**  
**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 14 July 2016 and provide an update on the follow up action that has been taken.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**3. BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of the Committee held on 14 July 2016, consideration was given to seven substantive items of business.

**3.1. Agenda Item No. 5: Main Points of the Last Meeting and Follow up Action**

The Committee noted the report of the Chairman, which gave details of the main points arising from its meeting held on 26 May 2016.

**3.2. Agenda Item No. 6: Committee Work Programme**

The Committee received an update on its Work Programme for 2016/2017.

**3.2.1 RAF Brize Norton**

The Strategic Director undertook to update Members on the outcome of her meeting with the Commanding Officer of RAF Brize Norton, which was due to take place the following week.

**3.2.2 Quality of Care/Review of Community Hospitals**

The Committee received an update on the current operational capacity of the Witney Hospital. It was agreed that the Service Director, Older People's Services, be advised that the Committee remains concerned over the under-utilisation of facilities at the Witney Hospital and would wish to see both wards capable of operating at their full capacity of 24 beds as soon as possible.

**3.2.3 Changes to the Provision of Maternity and Paediatric Services at the Horton Hospital**

It was agreed that Officers be requested to investigate proposals for changes to the provision of maternity and paediatric services at the Horton Hospital, Banbury, and possibly to other services across the county, and to prepare a robust response on behalf of the Council, at the appropriate time, to be agreed by either the Cabinet or the relevant Cabinet Member, depending upon any deadlines for responses, given the importance of these services in the rural districts.

#### 3.2.4 Marriotts Walk

It was agreed to delete this item from the Work Programme.

#### 3.2.5 Police, Fire and Ambulance Services

It was agreed that, as arrangements were in place for the Committee to receive an update from the Police Area Commander in September, the meeting could concentrate primarily on the emergency services and representatives of the fire and ambulance services could also be invited to attend.

#### 3.2.5 Welfare Reform Act – Meeting With Registered Social Landlords

It was agreed that arrangements be made for this to be dealt with at a special meeting of the Committee.

#### 3.2.6 Integration of Public Transport/Request for Financial Assistance

In response to a request from Ms E P R Leffman, the Committee agreed that the Cabinet be requested to give consideration to providing financial assistance in the sum of £800 to meet the initial set up costs of establishing a co-operative to commission local public transport services across the District.

The request was considered and approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 July.

#### 3.2.7 Leisure Management Contract Working Party

The Committee noted that arrangements were to be made for the next meeting of the Working Party to take place in September. The Working Party met following the Council meeting on 7 September.

#### 3.2.8 West Oxfordshire Medical Centre

It was agreed that this item would not be included within the Committee Work Programme pending further enquiries by the local representative.

#### 3.2.9 Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan

The Strategic Director undertook to investigate and provide an update on the timescale for the review of the Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan.

### 3.3. Agenda Item No. 7: Cabinet Work Programme.

The Committee noted the contents of the Cabinet Work Programme published on 24 June 2016.

### 3.4. Agenda Item No. 8: Digital Nominations Scheme

The Committee received a demonstration of the new Digital Nominations System.

### 3.5. Agenda Item No. 9: Local Plan Monitoring Report

The Committee received a report giving details of the Council's Local Plan Monitoring report covering the two year period from 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2016. It was agreed that Officers be requested to write to the County Council and the local Member of Parliament to advise of the Committee's concern with regard to delays in the completion of Section 106 agreements.

3.6. Agenda Item No. 10: Performance Indicators – Year End 2015/2016

The Committee received a report which provided information regarding performance at the end of the year 2015/2016.

3.7. Agenda Item No. 11: Leisure Management Contract Working Party

The Committee received the report of the meeting of the Leisure Management Contract Working Party held on 7 June 2016.

**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: 8 September 2016

Background Papers:

None