

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016**

**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017**

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR**

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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

**1. PURPOSE**

To provide the Committee with an update on the Work Programme for 2016/2017.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2016/2017.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2016/2017 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

3.2. Attached at Appendix A is the approved Work Programme for 2016/2017 incorporating items rolled forward from last year, taking account of the discussions at the last meeting and providing an update on progress in relation to each item.

3.3. In addition to the items contained in the Work Programme there will still be the opportunity to bring forward one-off reports and papers on particular issues of interest to the Committee but it will also be necessary to maintain a general overview of the ways in which external agencies are responding to community concerns. The inclusion of a standing agenda item for Members' questions also provides the opportunity to raise relevant issues.

3.4. The Committee is invited to consider progress in respect of the agreed Work Programme for 2016/2017 which is attached as an Appendix to this report.

**4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, Committee has the power to investigate any matters it considers relevant to its work area, and to make recommendations to the Council, the Executive or any other Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council as it sees fit.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**6. REASONS**

To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme.

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Background Papers

None

	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Originator</b>
<b>1</b>	RAF Brize Norton	Meetings of the Liaison Group are on-going. Members previously expressed concern regarding the delay in providing residential development.	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
<b>2</b>	Quality of Care/Review of Community Hospitals.	A comprehensive review of Community Hospital provision in the County is to commence shortly and this was identified by the Strategic Director as a potential item for consideration at the June meeting.  Dominic Hardisty, the Chief Operating Officer of Oxford Health, is to attend this meeting to provide further information on the programme.	On-going as required	E & S
<b>3</b>	Police, Community Safety and CDRP	The Committee receives an annual update from the Local Police Area Commander regarding policing priorities for the area.  Superintendent Kath Lowe attended the last scheduled meeting together with representatives of the Ambulance and Fire Services.	Completed	Council
<b>4</b>	Elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as appropriate	The approval of the Local Plan is a statutory process.  The draft plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination and the first hearing sessions were held in November 2015.  The Inspector published his initial report and, whilst supporting many aspects of the plan, raised some concerns about the proposed housing target.		E & S

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		<p>The second hearing session, provisionally planned for February, was postponed to allow the Council to carry out further work.</p> <p>This work has been completed and suggested changes to the plan were considered and approved by the Council at its meeting held on 26 October. Public consultation on the suggested changes is currently underway.</p>		
<b>5</b>	Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords	<p>A report was received at a previous meeting and the Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to receive updates as further changes were implemented.</p> <p>The Committee suggested a meeting with RSL's operating in the district to discuss any housing issues arising from changes in the benefits system and other government legislation such as RTB.</p> <p>At the July meeting it was agreed that this would be dealt with at a special meeting of the Committee.</p>	Spring 2017	E & S
<b>6</b>	Integration of Public Transport	<p>At the July meeting the Committee requested the Cabinet 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.</p> <p>The request was considered and approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 27 July.</p> <p>In response to a request from the Committee, Ms E P R Leffman is to provide Members with an update on the project at this meeting.</p>		E & S

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<b>7</b>	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	At the June meeting the Committee agreed to constitute a Working Party to give consideration to the procurement of the leisure management contract and delivery of the current service. The inaugural meeting took place on 7 June with a further meeting being held on 7 September.	On-going	E & S
<b>8</b>	Operation of the Ambulance Service	Identified as a potential item for consideration at the June meeting. Representatives of the South Central Ambulance Service Trust attended the September meeting. Members were requested to raise any specific questions through Democratic Services but response was limited. Individual questions raised have been relayed to the Trust and, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory response and to no other specific issues being raised it is recommended that this item be deleted from the Work Programme.	September 2016	
<b>9</b>	Fire Service Recruitment	Identified as a potential item for consideration at the June meeting. Representatives of the Oxfordshire Fire Service attended the last scheduled meeting.	Completed	
<b>10</b>	Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan	At the last scheduled meeting the Committee agreed to establish a Working Party to consider the review of the Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan. The Working Party met on 12 and 25 November and the notes of those meetings appear as Agenda Item No. 13.	Completed	

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<b>II</b>	Deer Park Medical Centre	At the last meeting the Committee agreed to establish a Working Party to seek further information and explore options by which primary care provision might be retained at Deer Park. The Working Party met on 26 October and 9 November and the notes of those meetings appear as Agenda Item No. 14.	On-going	