

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2017**

**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017**

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR**

**(Contact: Christine Gore, Tel: (01285) 623605**

(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 June 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.

Christine Gore  
Strategic Director

Author: Christine Gore, Tel: (01285) 623605; Email: [christine.gore@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:christine.gore@westoxon.gov.uk)

Date: 4 January 2017

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.	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
<b>2</b>	Quality of Care/Review of Community Hospitals.	<p>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.</p> <p>Representatives of the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust attended the last meeting to provide further information on the public consultation that would inform the transformation programme.</p>	On-going as required	E & S
<b>3</b>	Police, Community Safety and CDRP	<p>The Committee receives an annual update from the Local Police Area Commander regarding policing priorities for the area.</p> <p>Superintendent Kath Lowe attended the last scheduled meeting together with representatives of the Ambulance and Fire Services.</p>	Completed for 2016/2017	Council

4	Elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as appropriate	<p>The approval of the Local Plan is a statutory process.</p> <p>The draft plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination and the first hearing sessions were held in November 2015.</p> <p>Some concerns were raised about the proposed housing target and the second hearing session, provisionally planned for February, 2016 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.</p> <p>Public consultation on the suggested changes closed at the end of last year.</p>	On-going as required	E & S
5	Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords	At the last meeting it was agreed that a report on the operation of the choice based lettings system and housing support arrangements be submitted to the Committee.	Spring 2017	E & S
6	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>At the last meeting Ms Leffman provided Members with an update on the project</p>		E & S

7	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	<p>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.</p> <p>The Working Party met on 7 June and 7 September and the Committee received the notes at its meeting in November.</p> <p>The Working Party met again on 23 November and, having regard to the information provided, Members were content that appropriate steps were being taken to ensure that the new contract would deliver a high quality service.</p> <p>The Working Party agreed that no further meetings would be held until the new contract was in place.</p>	On-going	E & S
8	Operation of the Ambulance Service	<p>Identified as a potential item for consideration at the June meeting.</p> <p>Representatives of the South Central Ambulance Service Trust attended the September meeting.</p> <p>At the last scheduled meeting it was agreed that this item be deleted from the Work Programme but that the Trust be requested to provide regular updates on its performance.</p>	Completed	

9	Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan	<p>At the September meeting the Committee agreed to establish a Working Party to consider the review of the Blenheim World Heritage Site Management Plan.</p> <p>The Working Party met on 12 and 25 October and the Committee received the notes at its meeting in November.</p> <p>Blenheim have now begun the consultation on their Management Plan. The consultation runs until 20 January 2017 and the final plan will be completed by the end of February.</p> <p>A report regarding the Council's response appears as Agenda Item No. 9.</p>	Completed	
10	Deer Park Medical Centre	<p>At the October 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.</p> <p>The Working Party met on 26 October and 9 November and the Committee received the notes at its meeting in November.</p> <p>Further meetings of the Working Party were postponed pending the outcome of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's determination as to whether the closure of the surgery constituted a substantial change in the level of service provision.</p> <p>The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to meet on 2 February at which time the result of the toolkit meeting that took place in December will be made known.</p>	On-going	