

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM I, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY

DATE: THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

TIME: 6.30pm

Members of the Committee:

Councillors: P J Handley (Chairman), Mrs E H N Fenton (Vice-Chairman), M A Barrett, A C Beaney, Mrs L C Carter, J C Cooper, Mrs J M Doughty, H B Eaglestone, P D Kelland, Mrs L E C Little, T N Owen, G Saul, C J A Virgin and B J Woodruff

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2017 (previously circulated)

2. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors relating to items to be considered at the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Local Code of Conduct, and any from Officers.

4. Participation of the Public

Purpose:

To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

5. Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords

Purpose:

Rob Hawkins and Colin Bloodworth of Cottsway Housing will attend the meeting to update Members on the Company's work in the District in terms of recent development and outline future plans.

6. Chairman's Announcements and Update Report

Purpose:

To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Committee and to receive an update report (copy attached) on progress with actions arising from the previous meetings.

7. Committee Work Programme 2017/2018 (Report of the Strategic Director – copy attached)

Purpose:

To assist the Committee in considering its Work Programme for 2017/2018.

Recommendation:

That the Committee determines its Work Programme for 2017/2018 having regard to the information contained in this report and the recommendations agreed by Council.

8. Cabinet Work Programme (Report of the Strategic Director and Head of Paid Service – copy attached)

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to comment on the current Work Programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee decides whether to express a view to Cabinet on relevant issues in the Work Programme for the period.

9. Choice Based Lettings Review (Report of the Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support - copy attached)

Purpose:

To update Members on the progression of Choice Based Lettings at West Oxfordshire District Council since its implementation in October 2016.

Recommendation:

That the content of the report be noted.

10. The Council's Planning Enforcement Function (Report of the Strategic Director – copy attached)

Purpose:

To provide the Committee with a briefing paper on the operation, staffing levels and reporting arrangements of the Council's Planning Enforcement function

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes how the existing Planning Enforcement function operates in respect the operation, staffing levels and reporting arrangements and intended future changes.

11. Performance Indicators – Quarter I 2017/2018 (Report of the Head of Leisure and Communities – copy attached)

Purpose:

To provide information on the Council's performance as at the end of Quarter I 2017/2018.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted

12. Syrian Refugees – Update

Councillor J C Cooper has asked for an item to be included on the agenda regarding the Syrian refugees, what the Council is doing for them and how the project is progressing.

The Group Manager for Revenues and Housing Support will provide a brief update at the meeting.

13. Members' Questions

Purpose:

To receive questions from Members relating to the work of the Economic & Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In order to ensure that appropriate information is to hand at the meeting, Members may wish to give notice of any questions through the Committee Officer

Recommendation:

That Members' questions be dealt with as appropriate.



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