

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018**  
**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 2017/2018.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2017/2018.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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.	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
<b>2</b>	Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme	<p>At its meeting held on 12 March the Committee gave consideration to the Council's response to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to Phase One of its consultation on the Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Programme.</p> <p>At the last meeting the Committee received an update on the process for Phase 2 of the consultation and it was agreed that representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend the next meeting to provide information on the consultation process.</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>At the last meeting Members expressed concern over the recent increase in criminal activity in the District and agreed that the Local Police Area Commander be invited to attend a future meeting prior to the submission of their usual annual report.</p>	<p>Superintendent Mark Johns attended the July meeting.</p> <p>An invitation has been sent inviting Superintendent Johns to attend the meeting in January 2015</p>	Council
<b>4</b>	Elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as appropriate	<p>The approval of the Local Plan is a statutory process.</p> <p>Stage 3 of the Examination hearings took place in July. The Local Plan Inspector wrote to the Council on 25 July seeking further clarification and information with regard to matters that had been raised.</p>	On-going as required	E & S

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		The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing provided an initial response and further information regarding Environmental Impact and impact upon the AONB, produced by external consultants, is to be considered by the Cabinet on 15 November.		
<b>5</b>	Operation of the choice based lettings system (Digital Nominations Scheme) and housing support arrangements.	In 2016 the Committee requested a report on the operation of the choice based lettings system (Digital Nominations Scheme) and housing support arrangements.  This will be provided in association with the meeting with registered social landlords in September 2017	A report was considered at the last meeting and the Cabinet and Council subsequently agreed that the digital nominations (Choice Based Lettings) approach be confirmed and continued together with the Allocations Policy previously adopted as part of the trial.	E & S

6	Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords	Representatives of Cottsway Housing attended the last meeting when it was agreed that they be invited attend again in six months' time to provide an update on the impact of the introduction of Universal Credit.	March 2018	E & S
7	Review of Member Structures and Democratic Costs	The Council invited the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to give consideration to, and make recommendations upon, the options for amending the Council's Committee structure and the question of the electoral cycle and the number of members of the Council.	A report was considered at the July meeting. The observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were considered by Council in October when it was agreed that no further action be taken.	Council
8	Planning Enforcement System	At the last meeting the Strategic Director undertook to provide a briefing paper on the planning enforcement system at a future meeting.	A report was considered at the last meeting.	E & S
9	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	<p>In 2016 the Committee established a Working Party to give consideration to the procurement of the leisure management contract and delivery of the current service.</p> <p>Having met on three occasions, Members were content that appropriate steps were being taken to ensure that the new contract would deliver a high quality service and agreed that no further meetings would be held until the new contract was in place.</p> <p>It was agreed that arrangements would be made for the Working Party to meet once the new contract arrangements had bedded in but at the last meeting Members expressed the wish that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held as soon as possible.</p>	A meeting of the Working Party was held on 8 November, the notes of which appear as agenda item No. 13	E & S

10	Deer Park Medical Centre	<p>In October 2016 the Committee established a Working Party to explore options by which primary care provision might be retained at Deer Park.</p> <p>The Working Party met on two occasions and further meetings were postponed pending consideration by the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Joint HOSC confirmed that it considered the closure to represent a substantial change in the level of service provision and referred the matter to the Secretary of State for determination.</p> <p>In response to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's referral to the Secretary of State of the Clinical Commissioning Group's decision not to re-procure services at the Deer Park Medical Centre, the Independent Reconfiguration Panel had expressed concern over the manner in which this issue had been dealt with.</p> <p>At the last meeting, the Committee agreed that representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend the next meeting, together with the local Member of Parliament, to provide information on their response to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel's Report and Recommendations in relation to the closure.</p>	On-going	
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