

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2018
MAIN POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS 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 meetings of the Committee held on 23 November and 7 December 2017 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 23 November, consideration was given to five substantive items of business.

3.1. Agenda Item No. 5: Universal Credit

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Jon Wood, Partnership Manager for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes, Job Centre Plus, on the operation of Universal Credit.

3.2. Agenda Item No. 6: Meeting with Representatives of the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and South Central Ambulance Service Trust

Ms Diane Hedges, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive and Ms Ally Green, Head of Communications & Engagement of the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, attended the meeting to discuss current engagement in Witney and West Oxfordshire addressing sustainability in primary care.

Mr Richard McDonald, Director of Operations, and Maria Langler, Head of Planning at South Central Ambulance Service Trust, were also in attendance to respond to Members' questions.

3.3. Agenda Item No. 9A: Budget 2018/2019

The Committee considered and endorsed the initial draft base budgets for 2018/19, draft fees and charges for 2018/19 and the latest Capital Programme for 2017/18 revised and future years.

The Cabinet approved the draft budget as submitted at its meeting held on 13 December 2017.

3.4. Agenda Item No. 10: Carterton Leisure Centre – Phase II

The Committee received and considered the report of the Head of Leisure and Communities regarding the design and schedule of accommodation for Carterton Leisure

Centre Phase II and recommended the Cabinet to approve the design and schedule of accommodation as set out in the report and to authorise the submission of a planning application.

The Cabinet agreed to the recommendations at its meeting held on 13 December 2017.

3.5. Agenda Item No. 11: Local Plan Monitoring Report

The Committee received and noted the content of the Local Plan monitoring report.

In view of the fact that a special meeting of the Committee would be required to consider the Call-in request submitted in respect of the Cabinet's decision on the further suggested changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan prior to the Cabinet meeting to be held on 13 December it was decided to defer consideration of the remaining items of business to a special meeting held on 7 December 2017.

At the meeting of the Committee held on 7 December, consideration was given to six substantive items of business.

3.6. Agenda Item No. 5: Call-in of Cabinet Decision – Further Suggested Changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031

The Committee gave consideration to the call-in request relating to the Cabinet decision of 15 November 2017 (Minute no. 68) in relation to the further suggested changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031.

The Committee resolved to support the call-in request and invite the Cabinet to review its decision in light of the concerns expressed at the meeting.

Having considered the Committee's request at its meeting held on 13 December the Cabinet resolved that its decision of 15 November 2017 (Minute no. 68) in relation to the further suggested changes to the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 remain unchanged.

3.7. Agenda Item No. 6: Main Points of the Last Meetings 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 28 September 2017.

3.8. Agenda Item No. 7: Committee Work Programme

The Committee gave consideration to its Work Programme for 2017/2018.

3.8.1 RAF Brize Norton

Members received an update on discussions with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation regarding the development of the REEMA north site.

3.8.2 Progress on the Work Programme

The Committee agreed various amendments to its work programme which have been incorporated into the report at agenda item No. 7

3.9. Agenda Item No. 8: Cabinet Work Programme

The Committee noted the contents of the Cabinet Work Programme published on 14 November 2017.

3.10. Agenda Item No. 9: Performance Indicators – Quarter 2 2017/2018

The Committee received and considered the report of the Head of Leisure and Communities providing information on the Council's performance at the end of quarter 2 2017/2018.

It was agreed that the Quest reports on the Council's leisure centres would be reported to future meetings. Representatives of GLL Better, the Council's Leisure Services provider are to attend this meeting to give a presentation regarding the monitoring report submitted to the advisory board and the latest Quest reports.

3.11. Agenda Item No. 10: Notes of the Leisure Contract Working Party

The Committee received the notes of the meeting of the Leisure Management Contract Working Party held on 8 November.

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: 15 December 2017

Background Papers:

None