

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018**  
**MAIN POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING 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 25 January 2018 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 25 January, consideration was given to seven substantive items of business.

**3.1. Agenda Item No. 5: Meeting with Representatives of GLL Better**

At the meeting held on 7 December 2017 it agreed that the Quest reports on the Council's Leisure Centres would be submitted to the Committee.

At the last meeting the Committee received a presentation from Mr Paul Shearman (Partnership Manager, West Oxfordshire) and Mr John Amatt (Head of Service, GLL West Region) of GLL Better, the Council's Leisure Services provider, together with copies of the latest Quest Assessment Reports.

**3.2. 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 meetings held on 23 November and 7 December 2017.

**3.3. Agenda Item No. 7: Committee Work Programme**

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

**3.3.1 RAF Brize Norton**

The Executive Director (Commissioning) advised Members that she had recently attended the first of a new series of liaison meetings. Meetings were to be held on a quarterly basis and it was anticipated that significant progress would be made.

**3.3.2 Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme/Deer Park Medical Centre**

Members acknowledged that, whilst the Council could do no more on the Deer Park issue, it could still make comment on Phase II of the Transformation Programme and that reports would be brought forward as appropriate. It was also noted that the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was to meet at the Council's Offices on 8 February when there would be an opportunity for Members to address the Committee.

### 3.3.3 Local Development Framework

It was noted that a letter had been received from the Inspector regarding the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 Examination indicating that, other than in respect of the strategy/site allocations for the Burford – Charlbury sub-area, it was his conclusion that, subject to further modifications to address those specific issues, the plan as previously proposed to be modified was likely to be capable of being found legally-compliant and sound.

### 3.4. Agenda Item No. 8: Cabinet Work Programme

The Committee noted the contents of the Cabinet Work Programme published on 16 January 2018.

### 3.5. Agenda Item No. 9: Homelessness Reduction Act Implementation

The Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager of Revenues and Housing Support which gave details of the Council's response to the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act.

Members noted the information provided and agreed the proposed approach be endorsed. The report was subsequently considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 February when the recommendations set out in the report were approved.

### 3.6. Agenda Item No. 10: GWR Franchise Consultation

The Committee received and considered the report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing which sought consideration of the Department for Transport's current consultation on the Great Western Rail Franchise. Members drew attention to various specific issues which were incorporated into the Council's final response approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 February.

### 3.7. Madley Park Playing Fields Project

The Committee received and considered the report of the Head of Leisure and Communities which gave details of proposals for the refurbishment of an existing play area and the addition of new facilities at Madley Park Playing Fields, Witney.

Members endorsed the proposed design which was subsequently approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 February.

## **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: 1 March 2018

Background Papers:

None