

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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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

	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	RAF Brize Norton	Meetings of the Liaison Group are on-going.	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
2	Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme/Deer Park Medical Centre	<p>In a recent statement, NHS Leaders across Oxfordshire recognised that the experience of running Phase I of the Oxfordshire Transformation Programme, together with the recent Care Quality Commission Local System Review has emphasised the need for much better health and social care planning together and the need for an overarching vision and strategy for health and care in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>They have recognised the need to progress with the next phase in a very different way and acknowledged the need to listen to local people and understand better at local level how to work in a more integrated way to improve care for residents and patients in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Going forward, system leaders intend to bring together individual organisation's strategies to ensure one over-arching strategy, owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board. Over the next few weeks they intend to describe how they plan to work with the public and other stakeholders in looking at the population's health and care needs in order to develop together a health and social care system that is fit for the future.</p> <p>The Clinical Commissioning Group has also issued the following statement following publication of IRP's advice to Secretary of State on permanent closure of consultant-led maternity at Horton General Hospital.</p>	On-going as required	E & S

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		<p>We have now received the IRP advice about the permanent closure of obstetric services at the Horton General Hospital. We have been asked to undertake a joint piece of work with Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and we have contacted the HOSC Chairman to ensure an early discussion about how we will do this together.</p> <p>Louise Patten, Chief Executive of OCCG said: "As the new CEO I will personally ensure that the CCG and wider health system approach the IRP recommendations in a way that ensures all stakeholders feel involved and informed. I have written to the Chair of the Oxfordshire HOSC and offered my commitment to move forward in a transparent and inclusive manner."</p>		
3	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 September meeting Members expressed concern over an increase in criminal activity and agreed that the Local Police Area Commander be invited to attend a future meeting.</p>	<p>Superintendent Mark Johns attended the July meeting.</p> <p>Arrangements will be made for Superintendent Johns to attend a future meeting.</p>	Council

4	Elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as appropriate	The approval of the Local Plan is a statutory process.	On-going as required	E & S
5	Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords	Representatives of Cottsway Housing attended the September 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.	Representatives of Cottsway Housing are to attend this meeting	E & S
6	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	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. Since this work was complete, it was agreed that the Working Party would be held in abeyance but that further meetings could be arranged to address specific issues on a 'task and finish' basis should the need arise	The notes of the last meeting of the Working Party appear as Agenda Item No. 10	E & S
7	Great Western Rail Franchise - Public Consultation	A report regarding the Council's response to the Great Western Rail Franchise Public Consultation was considered at the last meeting.	The Council's response, incorporating the points raised by this Committee was approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 February.	
8	Notice of Motion – Support for the LGBTIQ+ Community	At its meeting held on 28 February, the Council refereed the Notice of Motion regarding support for the LGBTIQ+ Community to this Committee.	An initial report will be submitted to the next meeting.	Council