

Democratic Services

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SUMMONS TO ATTEND

MEETING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, WOODGREEN, WITNEY

DATE: THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018

TIME: 6.30pm

Members of the Committee:

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chairman), Hilary Fenton (Vice-Chairman); Jake Acock, Rosa Bolger, Laetisia Carter, Jane Doughty, Harry Eaglestone, Ted Fenton, Andy Graham, Peter Kelland, Nick Leverton, Michele Mead, Neil Owen and Ben Woodruff

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2018 (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. Chairman's Announcements

Purpose:

To receive any announcements from the Chairman of the Committee.

6. Policy to Implement Enforcement Powers in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Report of the Group Manager, Professional Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To set out how the Council plans to implement new enforcement powers contained in the Housing and Planning Act 2016, (Part 2: Rogue landlords and property agents in England), including the use of civil penalties for private housing offences and other regulatory functions, and provide an opportunity for the Committee to comment on the proposals.

Recommendation:

That the Committee considers the proposed policy and comments to Cabinet on the following recommendations:

- (a) That the policy for imposing Civil Penalties, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be adopted with immediate effect;
- (b) That the Group Manager for Professional Services be granted delegated powers to deal with the matters specified in the Section 3 of this report and the Policy in question;
- (c) That the Council be recommended to incorporate the approved powers to deal with the matters specified in Section 3 of this report into the Officer Delegations in Part 4 of the Constitution.

7. Oxford City Local Plan (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider Oxford City's Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (2016 – 2036) and submit comments to Cabinet if desired.

Recommendation:

That the contents of the report be noted, and it be agreed that the comments attached in the Appendix to the report are forwarded to Cabinet for its consideration and agreement for submission to Oxford City Council.

8. Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan Statement of Community Involvement (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy attached)

Purpose:

To enable the Committee to respond to the consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement for the Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan.

Recommendation:

That the Committee considers the document included in the Appendix to the report and comments as appropriate.

9. Calculation of Affordable Housing Need (Report of the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing – copy attached)

Purpose:

To explain to the Committee how affordable housing need is calculated and used for development management purposes.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

10. Draft Homelessness Strategy (Report of the Group Manager, Customer Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the draft Homelessness Strategy, attached as an Appendix to the report and submit views to Cabinet.

Recommendation:

That the Committee considers the draft Strategy and submits comments to Cabinet.

11. Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers (Report of the Group Manager for Customer Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To consider the motion proposed at the meeting of the Council held on 24 October and submit views to Council, via Cabinet.

Recommendations:

- (a) That the Committee decides whether it wishes to recommend the Council, in principle, to agree that the Council should exercise its discretion under Section 13A (1) (c) (Local Government Finance Act 1992) to apply a new Care Leavers Council Tax Discount Scheme; and
- (b) That in the event of the Council agreeing the principle, it is recommended:
 - (i) To instruct officers to seek to enter into an appropriate data sharing agreement with Oxfordshire County Council to enable that authority to share information about care leavers residing in the District;
 - (ii) To request Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police to agree to fund their share of the cost of any discount scheme; and
 - (iii) To request subsequent recommendations from Cabinet as to the detail of a proposed scheme, taking into account both the options set out in this report and the as yet unknown financial implications.

12. Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Scheme (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To update the Committee on the meeting of the Working Party appointed at the last meeting.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

13. Budget (Report of the Group Manager, Council and Company Support – copy circulated separately)

Purpose:

To consider the initial draft base budgets for 2019/20, draft fees and charges for 2019/20 and the latest Capital Programme for 2019/20 revised and future years. The Cabinet is required to consult Overview and Scrutiny Committees on its budget proposals in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Recommendations:

That consideration is given to the following and comments submitted to Cabinet:

- (a) The initial draft base budget for 2019/20 totalling £11,801,083 as summarised in Appendix A;

- (b) Draft fees and charges for 2019/20 at Appendix B; and
- (c) The latest Capital Programme for 2018/19 revised and future years at Appendix C.

14. Quarter Two Performance Indicators (Report of the Group Manager, Council and Company Support – copy attached)

Purpose:

To provide information on the Council's performance as at the end of Quarter 2 2018/2019.

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

15. Committee Work Programme 2018/2019 (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To provide the Committee with an update on its Work Programme for 2018/2019.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to its 2018/2019 Work Programme.

16. Cabinet Work Programme (Report of the Head of Democratic Services – copy attached)

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to comment on the Cabinet Work Programme published on 13 November 2018.

Recommendation:

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

17. 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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