

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2019

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/2019
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 its Work Programme for 2018/2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At the May meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2018/2019 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

3.2. Attached in the [Appendix](#) is the approved Work Programme for 2018/2019 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 2018/2019 which is attached in the [Appendix](#) to this report.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, the 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.

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Background Papers

None

Work Area		Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	RAF Brize Norton	<p>The former RAF Liaison Group has now been reconstituted as a Civilian-Military Partnership Group with representatives from the County, District and Town Councils, the RAF and Defence Infrastructure Organisation, the LEP and key local businesses. The focus of this group is on the relationship between the RAF base and the local community of Carterton and beyond, and the impact and influence this can and does have on the local infrastructure and facilities.</p> <p>In terms of the REEMA North housing site, discussions are ongoing and progressing positively with the DIO in relation to securing the early delivery of this development.</p>	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
2	Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme	<p>Reports will be submitted as appropriate as the Transformation Programme progresses.</p> <p>At the May meeting it was agreed that Councillor Hilary Biles , the County Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health & Education, and a member of the Oxfordshire Health Improvement Board and Health and Wellbeing Board be invited to attend a future meeting to advise Members how this issue was being addressed at County level.</p> <p>Councillor Biles was invited to attend the meeting in September, but stood down from the County Council's Cabinet at the end of August. Councillor Lawrie Stratford has been invited to attend this or the following meeting but has yet to respond.</p>	24 January 2019	E & S

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3	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	At the conclusion of consideration of the procurement of the leisure management contract and delivery of the current service 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.	In abeyance	E & S
4	Affordable Housing and Housing Need	At the May meeting it was agreed that Officers be requested to attend a future meeting to explain the way in which housing need was calculated when assessing the need for affordable housing for development control purposes.	Completed A report was considered at the last meeting	E & S
5	Review of Outside Bodies	At the May meeting it was agreed that a Working Group be established to undertake a review of outside bodies. The Group was due to meet on 12 September, with an oral report being provided to this meeting. However, that meeting had to be postponed. It will be convened as soon as possible, the key point being that the work needs to be completed before appointments for 2019/20 are considered by Cabinet in May 2019.	28 March 2019	Cabinet
6	Oxfordshire Garden Village Area Action Plan	A report inviting the Committee to comment on the Oxfordshire Garden Village Area Action Plan Issues Paper was considered at the June meeting. Further stages of the Action Plan will be brought to the Committee in due course.	Partially Complete	E & S

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7	Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire	At the meeting on 28 June 2018 it was agreed that the Committee give consideration to the work of Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire and the impact of the Council's adoption of a commissioning approach to funding the organisation.	A report will be submitted at the appropriate juncture, likely to be in 2019/20	E & S
8	Community Infrastructure Levy	At the meeting on 28 June 2018 it was agreed that progress on the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy and arrangements for determining the distribution of funds be included within the Work Programme.	A report will be submitted at the appropriate juncture.	E & S
9	Affordable Housing	At the meeting on 22 November 2018 the Committee asked for " <i>a further report exploring potentially more innovative ways in which affordable housing could be delivered</i> " to be presented to a future meeting.	It is expected that a report will be presented to either the March or the May meeting of the Committee	E & S
10	Enforcement Powers in the Housing and Planning Act	At the meeting on 22 November 2018 it was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee regarding the operation of the Council's Policy in relation to its powers under the Housing and Planning Act.	A report will be submitted at the appropriate juncture, likely to be in 2019/20	E & S
11	Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Scheme	A report was considered at the meeting on 22 November 2018 it was agreed that a further report be submitted in approximately six months' time.	July 2019	E & S