

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 28 MARCH 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 its meeting in May 2018 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>It is anticipated the next meeting of the Civilian-Military Partnership Group will take place in May and an update provided following that meeting.</p> <p>In terms of the REEMA housing sites in Carterton, the Council, at its meeting held on 27 February, unanimously approved a Notice of Motion calling on the Leader to write to HM Treasury and ask that funds are released without further delay in order to facilitate the commencement of the immediate construction of Military Houses at the sites.</p> <p>In the meantime, a further meeting has taken place with the DIO and they have committed to providing an update on progress immediately prior to this meeting in order that it can be reported to members.</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 last scheduled meeting it was agreed that the new Director of Public Health and the Chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee and report on relevant matters.</p>	23 May/4 July 2019	E & S

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<b>3</b>	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
<b>4</b>	Review of Outside Bodies	At the May 2018 meeting it was agreed that a Working Group be established to undertake a review of outside bodies. The Group met on 6 March and a report outlining its recommendations appears as Agenda Item No. 9.	28 March 2019	Cabinet
<b>5</b>	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 – further report to be considered mid-2019	E & S
<b>6</b>	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

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7	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A briefing note was provided to members in relation to CIL in January. A detailed report will be submitted to the Committee at a future meeting.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that a decision as to whether consultation on a revised charging schedule is needed, or whether the previously approved schedule can be put forward for examination will be taken by the Cabinet in May</p>	E & S
8	<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>It is expected that a report will be presented to the May meeting of the Committee</p>	E & S
9	<p>Enforcement Powers in the Housing and Planning Act</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>A report will be submitted at the appropriate juncture, likely to be in 2019/20</p>	E & S
10	<p>Vulnerable Persons’ Resettlement Scheme</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>July 2019</p>	E & S
11	<p>Domestic Abuse</p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that the Executive Director (Commissioning) be requested to convene a meeting with Councillors Beaney, Carter, Doughty and Leverton to address this matter, and identify the role of the Council in relation to Domestic Abuse.</p>	<p>That meeting has now taken place and the notes and actions will be considered as Agenda Item No. 10</p>	E & S

<b>12</b>	International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Anti-Semitism	At the meeting held on 23 January the Council requested this Committee to give consideration to the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism and to make recommendations thereon.  The matter was considered by the Committee at the special meeting held on 7 March when it was recommended that the Council adopts the IHRA's definition. The recommendation will be considered by Council on 24 April.	Completed	Council
<b>13</b>	Homes for All	At the last meeting it was agreed that consideration be given to inviting representatives from 'Homes for All' to a future meeting to address the Committee.	To be determined	E & S
<b>14</b>	East Witney Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Preliminary Consultation	Will be considered by Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee in due course, prior to further consultation.	July 2019	Cabinet
<b>15</b>	Annual Local Plan Monitoring Report	The report was considered at the special meeting of the Committee held on 7 March	Completed	
<b>16</b>	Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2018-2023	At the special meeting held on 7 March the Committee considered the call-in request relating to Cabinet minute no. 96 of 16 January 2019 in respect of the Council's response to the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2018-2023.  It was agreed that consideration of the call-in request be deferred pending the receipt of further information and the item be added to the Committee Work Programme.	A report will be submitted once further information regarding the AONB Board's proposals becomes available.	E & S