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Name and date of Committee	ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
Subject	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To provide the Committee with an update on its Work Programme for 2019/2020.
Annexes	Annex 1 - Approved Work Programme for 2019/2020
Recommendation	That the Committee notes the progress with regard to its 2019/2020 Work Programme.
Corporate priorities	To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme and support the Council's priorities to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy, to meet the current and future needs of residents and to provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. At the May meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2019/2020 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. Attached at [Annex I](#) is the approved Work Programme for 2019/2020 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.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. The Committee is invited to consider progress in respect of the agreed Work Programme for 2019/2020 which is attached in the [Annex](#) to this report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Not applicable

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items within the Work Programme, there are none arising directly from this report.

7. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 7.1. 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.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1. None

ANNEX I

Work Area		Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	RAF Brize Norton	<p>Meetings of the Liaison Group are on-going. Update reports will be submitted as appropriate, particularly in respect of the redevelopment of the Forces Accommodation at REEMA North.</p> <p>The business model proposed for the housing to be provided on this site is currently progressing through the necessary parliamentary process, which is expected to take several months.</p>	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
2	Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme	Reports will be submitted as appropriate as the Transformation Programme progresses.	The Chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning Group attended the September meeting.	E & S
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	Oxfordshire Garden Village Area Action Plan	<p>A report inviting the Committee to comment on the Oxfordshire Garden Village Area Action Plan Issues Paper was considered at the June 2018 meeting.</p> <p>The preferred options consultation paper was considered by the Committee at a special meeting held on 10 October and Members' comments have been fed into the consultation process.</p> <p>The pre-submission draft Garden Village Area Action Plan will be considered by the Cabinet and Council in the New Year.</p>		E & S
5	Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire	<p>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.</p>	<p>A report will be submitted at the appropriate juncture, likely to be in 2019/20</p>	E & S
6	Community Infrastructure Levy	<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>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 following completion of the review of the viability assessment.</p>	E & S

7	Affordable Housing	<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>At the May meeting it was agreed that, rather than submit a report to this Committee, a series of seminars, open to all Members, would take place.</p>	<p>The first of these seminars was held on 11 July and a further seminar on the ‘Blenheim Model’ took place on 30 October</p>	E & S
8	Enforcement Powers in the Housing and Planning Act	<p>In November 2018 it was agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting 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 2020</p>	E&S
9	Vulnerable Persons’ Resettlement Scheme	<p>At the July meeting it was agreed to establish a Working Party to consider issues regarding the operation of the scheme.</p> <p>The Working Party met on 15 July and 10 September and it was agreed that a further meeting would be held within three months, following which the Group would report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>January 2020</p>	E & S

10	Homes for All	At the July meeting it was agreed that representatives of 'Homes for All' be invited to meet with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillors Doughty and Graham, together with the appropriate Officers.	The proposed meeting took place on 21 August during which the services provided by the organisation and the role of the Council in preventing and relieving homelessness were discussed. Completed	E & S
11	Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2018-2023	In March 2019 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.	Officers will continue to monitor the position and a report will be submitted once further information regarding the AONB Board's proposals becomes available. Following publication of the Glover report, a meeting is to take place of the lead members from all local authorities in the AONB to consider its recommendations. A report will be submitted to this Committee early in 2020.	E & S

12	Annual Local Plan Monitoring Report	The Committee considers the Local Plan Monitoring Report on an annual basis.	January/April 2020	
13	Police, Community Safety and CDRP	The Committee receives an annual update from the local Police Area Commander regarding policing priorities for the area.	Superintendent Mark Johns and Chief Inspector John Batty attended the September meeting	
14	Care Quality Commission Report – Oxford University NHS Hospitals Trust	At the July meeting the Committee agreed to include the Care Quality Commission’s Report on Oxford and Banbury Hospitals within the Work Programme.	A report was considered at the last meeting Completed	E&S
15	Equal Opportunities Working Party	At the July meeting Councillor Acock questioned why the Equal Opportunities Working Party had not been reconstituted and suggested that it should be revived.	A report was considered at the last meeting Completed	E&S
16	Equal Opportunities Policy	At the last meeting it was agreed that consideration of the review of the Council’s Equal Opportunities Policy be added to the Committee’s Work Programme. In addition, Members were invited to raise any issues they may have in relation to the existing Policy with Officers.	January/April 2020	E&S
17	Oxford to Cambridge Expressway	At the July meeting it was noted that Homes England was to conduct a public consultation on potential options in the autumn and agreed that the matter be considered as part of the consultation process. Whilst it was anticipated that a report would be brought to the November meeting, public consultation has been delayed. A report will be brought forward at the appropriate juncture.	January/April 2020	E&S

18	Domestic Violence	At the September meeting it was noted that Members of the Committee had met with Officers to discuss issues relating to domestic violence. It was agreed that a report on the actions taken as a result of that meeting be included within the Committee's Work Programme.	January 2020	E&S
19	Strategic Review of the Council's Markets	At its last meeting the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report regarding the way in which the recommendations made by the review group established in 2012 to conduct a review of the Council's markets had been carried forward and requested this Committee to consider whether it would wish to recommend the allocation of resources to review and assess the future strategic direction of the markets.	January 2020	ENV