

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015

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FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015

DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2016-2019

REPORT OF THE JOINT HEAD OF BUSINESS INFORMATION AND CHANGE

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(The decisions on this matter will be recommendations to Cabinet)

1. PURPOSE

To seek the Committee's views on the revised Council Plan for 2016 to 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee considers the draft Council Plan for 2016-19 and forwards its comments to Cabinet.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At the meeting held on 14 October 2015 Cabinet approved a revised Council Plan for the period 2016 to 2019 for consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

3.2. A draft Council Plan for the period 2016 -2019 is attached. It is in a shorter, more concise format than previous council plans and outlines the key facts and statistics relating to the District and the main issues which it currently faces. From these the proposed Council's Aim and Priorities have been developed as follows:

Aim: To maintain and enhance West Oxfordshire as one of the best places to live, work and visit in Great Britain

Priorities:

- To protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy;
- To meet the current and future needs of residents
- To provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services

3.3. The Council Plan gives the rationale for each of the Priorities and also sets out Objectives and key tasks to achieve each Priority. When finalised, the Council Plan will also contain a set of performance indicators (currently under review) and a summary of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

3.4. In addition to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees it is also proposed to consult with the public and a consultation document will be made available on the Council's website.

3.5. The results of this consultation will be reported to Cabinet in February 2016 with a view to a finalised Council Plan for 2016 - 2019 being recommended to Council for approval.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

The Committee is asked to consider the Vision, Priorities and draft Council Plan and propose any changes or alternatives to Cabinet.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The draft Council Plan has been developed having regard to the Council's financial position. The Council will be updating its Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) over the coming months. The updated MTFS will incorporate the financial implications from the Council Plan.

6. RISKS

Detailed proposals arising from the Council Plan will be individually risk assessed as they are developed. Similarly, implementation issues will also be assessed as proposals are advanced.

7. REASONS

To review and update the Council Plan to reflect local and national changes.

Phil Martin
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Background Papers:

None