

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 21 JULY 2016

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

1. PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with an update on the Work Programme for 2016/2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2016/2017.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2016/2017 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

3.2. Attached at Appendix A is the approved Work Programme for 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 which is attached as an Appendix to this report.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

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.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. REASONS

To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme.

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Background Papers

None

				Appendix
	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	Waste Contract	<p>A member workshop in respect of the new Waste service was held in September, a public consultation exercise was undertaken and a workshop for Town and Parish Councils was also held.</p> <p>A report on the new contract and the procurement process was received at the last meeting and recommendations made to Cabinet. The matter was considered by Cabinet and Council and the design of the new system and procurement option agreed.</p> <p>The committee will be kept advised of progress and has requested sight of the contract details prior to final agreement.</p>	June 2016	ENV
2	Thames Water Flood Prevention and Infrastructure Issues	<p>The committee has already undertaken significant work in respect of flooding issues.</p> <p>The Committee has received regular updates regarding drainage issues in the district including a presentation by Thames Water at the last meeting to providing a progress report in respect of drainage strategies.</p> <p>Thames Water has agreed to keep the committee updated on progress with the strategies. Sewer flooding questionnaires have been published in respect of Carterton and Standlake.</p>	On-going	ENV

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3	Open Space Grass Cutting	<p>Work with local councils to pilot the provision of maps showing responsibility for grass cutting in parishes is on-going.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council has withdrawn funding for grass cutting and options for delivery of services by this council as a result will need to be considered.</p> <p>The council is also looking at options for a more coherent approach including collaborative working with town/parish councils.</p>	On-going	ENV
4	Low Carbon and Environmental Plan	<p>The WODC Low Carbon and Environmental Plan was approved in February 2014.</p> <p>Members receive regular updates on progress with actions in the plan. The latest update report is included on this agenda for consideration.</p>	July 2016	ENV
5	Car Park Strategy	<p>The committee has previously requested that it be kept advised of progress in respect of the strategy for off street parking.</p> <p>The Head of Environment and Commercial Services presented an update at the July 2015 meeting.</p> <p>A public consultation exercise has been undertaken and a strategy is being developed for consideration by members.</p> <p>A report is included on this agenda particularly in respect of links to the emerging Local Plan.</p>	July 2016	