#### **WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 2014

# MAIN POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND FOLLOW UP ACTION

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

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(The report is for information).

#### I. PURPOSE

To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on December 4 2014 and to update the Committee on the follow up action which has been taken.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Committee held on December 4 2014, consideration was given to seven substantive items of business.

### 3.1. Agenda Item No. 5: Main Points from the Last Meeting – Alternative Investment Strategies

The Committee noted that Officers had met with the Council's advisors and that a report putting forward options for consideration would be submitted in the New Year.

#### 3.2. Agenda Item No. 6: Committee Work Programme

The Committee noted progress with regard to its work programme for 2013/2014.

#### 3.3. Agenda Item No. 7: Cabinet Work Programme.

The Committee considered the Cabinet Work Programme published on 12 November 2013.

### 3.4. Agenda Item No. 8: Community Infrastructure Levy

The Committee received a report regarding the work undertaken to progress the Community Infrastructure Levy in West Oxfordshire. Members noted that the Cabinet had approved the CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and the affordable housing consultation paper appended to the report for public consultation.

#### 3.5. Agenda Item No. 9: Budget 2014/2015

The Committee gave consideration to initial base budgets and draft fees and charges for 2014/15 and the latest Capital Programme for 2013/14 and future years.

The Budget for 2014/2015 and Council Tax Base was considered further by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 15 January 2014 and approved by Council on 22 January.

## 3.6. Agenda Item No. 10: Revised Medium Term Financial Strategy

The Committee received a report setting out the annual refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Members endorsed the Strategy, spending targets and supporting principles which were subsequently considered by the Cabinet and approved by Council at its meeting held on 22 January.

## 3.7. Agenda Item No. 11: Performance Indicators – Quarter 2 2013/2014

The Committee received and considered a report giving details of the Council's performance as at the end of quarter 2 2013/2014.

#### 4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

Not applicable.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

#### 6. REASONS

The Chairman's summary of the previous meeting is an opportunity for the Chairman to outline to Members progress made on their ideas and suggestions from the last Committee meeting. It will also provide Members with a further chance to comment on these subjects and provide a transparent method of showing the effectiveness of member's contributions to this Committee and its key Overview and Scrutiny role.

Colin Dingwall Chairman

Date: 23 January, 2014

**Background Papers** 

None.