WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2013/2014 REPORT OF FRANK WILSON, STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

I. PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with an update on the Work Programme for 2013/2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to its Work Programme for 2013/2014.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave further consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2013/2014 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 2013/2014 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.

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 A

	Work Area	Comments	Meeting /	Originator				
			Anticipated					
			Completion					
			Date					
Items	Items Originated by the Committee							
I	Mitigation of Pension Fund Deficit Through Capitalisation	Increases in the pension fund deficit made it impractical for the Council to consider mitigating the position through capitalisation. Representative of the Oxfordshire County Council's Pension Fund Committee attended	Report presented to the October 2012 meeting – outcome considered by the Cabinet as part of Review of Medium Term Financial Strategy.	FMOS				
2	Service Efficiency Reviews	November 2010 meeting to discuss the position of the fund. In February 2012 it was agreed that Service Heads be invited to attend Committee meetings to discuss the operation of their services.	Strategic Director to agree programme for 2013/2014 with Chairman.	FMOS The Joint Head of Revenues and Benefits, the Head of Housing, the Head of Leisure and Tourism and the Head of Community Services attended meetings in 2012/2013. Those Service Heads yet to do so will attend the Committee as part of a rolling programme.				
				The Shared Head of Customer Services is to attend this meeting in accordance with the schedule agreed.				

3	Investment with Green Deal Provider	To receive a report on the operation of the Green Deal scheme	Whilst it was intended to submit a report to the December meeting, this will be brought to a future meeting owing to delays at national level.	FMOS
4	Operation of the Council's Contract Register	To receive a report on the operation of the Council's contract register.	A report on the Council's contract procedure was considered in October 2013. It was agreed that a report on the operation of the Council's contract register would be submitted to the Committee as part of the Work Programme.	FMOS
5	Waste Contract Update	To receive a report to update Members on the current position with regard to the waste collection contract	Report to be presented to a future meeting as appropriate.	CABINET/FMOS
6	Introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy	To receive a report on the financial implications of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy	A report was presented to the last meeting.	FMOS

7	City Deal and the	To give further	Whilst it was	FMOS
	Local Enterprise	consideration to the City	intended to submit	
	Partnership Loan	Deal and the Local	a report to this	
	Scheme	Enterprise Partnership	meeting, this will be	
		Loan Scheme	brought to the next	
			meeting.	