

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2014**  
**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2013/2014**  
**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (RESOURCES)**  
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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 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

| <b>FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/2014</b> |   |   |   |   |
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|  | <b>Work Area</b>  | <b>Comments</b>   | <b>Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date</b>  | <b>Originator</b>   |
| <b>Items Originated by the Committee</b>   |   |   |   |   |
| 1  | Mitigation of Pension Fund Deficit Through Capitalisation | It was agreed at the last meeting that the potential for mitigating the pension fund deficit through capitalisation be reviewed as a matter of course following the periodic revaluation of the fund. | 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                                | 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.  | <p>FMOS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Those Service Heads yet to do so will attend the Committee as part of a rolling programme.</p> <p>The Shared Head of Customer Services attended the last meeting in accordance with the schedule agreed.</p> |

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| 3 | Investment with Green Deal Provider | To receive a report on the operation of the Green Deal scheme | <p>Whilst it was intended to submit a report to the December meeting, this was postponed owing to delays at national level. The position remains unclear and Members are invited to consider whether they would wish to invite Brad Hook, the Chief Executive of the Green Deal Together Community Interest Company to attend a future meeting to discuss its operation.</p> | FMOS |
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| 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 | City Deal and the Local Enterprise Partnership Loan Scheme | To give further consideration to the City Deal and the Local Enterprise Partnership Loan Scheme            | As the City Deal has little direct impact upon West Oxfordshire, it is recommended that this item be deleted from the Work Programme. Members wishing to know more about the City Deal can find further information <a href="#">here</a> | FMOS         |