

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 20 JULY 2016
MAIN POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
AND FOLLOW UP ACTION
REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE
(Contact: Peter Emery, Tel: (01865 731199))

(The report is for information).

1. PURPOSE

To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on 8 June 2016 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 20 June 2016, consideration was given to seven substantive items of business.

3.1. Agenda Item No. 5: Main Points of the Last Meeting and Follow up Action

The Committee noted the report of the Chairman, which gave details of the main points arising from its meeting held on 30 March 2016.

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

Affordable Housing Working Party

The Committee noted that the Affordable Housing Working Party was to investigate the possibility of devising a local key worker scheme.

Rural Broadband Project

The Committee noted the current position with regard to the Rural Broadband Project.

Re-organisation of Local Government

The Committee noted current developments with regard to the re-organisation of Local Government and that the findings of the report commissioned by the Council from Price Waterhouse Coopers report would be submitted to this meeting.

Price Waterhouse Coopers are currently working on a report on the Council's unitary proposals. Collating some of the data has taken longer than expected and a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Changes in the Allocation of Business Rates

The Strategic Director advised that he would endeavour to produce an initial report setting out a timescale for the wider implementation of the proposed changes in the allocation of Business Rates for this meeting. The report appears as agenda item No. 9

Extension of the Right to Buy to Housing Association Properties

The Strategic Director advised that a report regarding Cottsway Housing's desire to introduce a Right to Buy scheme in West Oxfordshire would be submitted to this meeting. The report appears as agenda item No. 11

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

The Committee noted the contents of the Cabinet Work Programme published on 24 May 2016.

3.4. Agenda Item No. 8: Treasury Management Activity and Performance 2015/2016

The Committee received and noted the report of the GO Shared Service Head of Finance giving details of treasury management activity and the performance of internal and external fund managers for 2015/2016. The Committee also received an update on the current position and impending arrangements to secure the return of the Council's remaining Icelandic investments.

3.5. Agenda Item No. 9: Treasury Management Activity and Performance 2016/2017

The Committee received and noted the report of the GO Shared Service Head of Finance giving details of treasury management activity and the performance of internal and external fund managers for the period 1 to 30 April 2016.

3.6. Agenda Item No. 10: Performance Indicators – 2015/2016

The Committee received and noted the report of the Shared Head of Business Information and Change providing information on the Council's performance at the end of the final quarter of 2015/2016.

3.7. Agenda Item No. 11: Start Time of Meetings

The Committee resolved that meetings for the remainder of the municipal year would commence at 2.00pm.

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.

P Emery
Chairman
Date: 20 June, 2016

Background Papers
None.