

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**  
**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017**  
**REPORT OF FRANK WILSON, HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**  
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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. RECOMMENDATION**

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

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. At its June 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, the 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 2016/2017</b>				
	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Originator</b>
<b>Items Originated by the Committee</b>				
1	Affordable Housing Working Party	In February 2015 it was agreed to establish a Working Party to give consideration to alternative methods by which affordable housing developments could be financed.		<p>FMOS</p> <p>The Working Party met on 9 March and the notes of that meeting were considered at the March meeting. The Working Party suggested the possibility of devising a local key worker mortgage support scheme.</p> <p>A report setting out options for mortgage support schemes that could include key workers as application criteria was considered by the Committee at the last meeting and the Cabinet was recommended to give consideration to the development of Local Authority Mortgage, Local Authority Partnership and Custom and Self Build schemes open to all residents.</p>
2	Rural Broadband Project	To monitor and review the project for superfast broadband.		<p>It was agreed that updates would be provided at key stages of the project.</p> <p>The programme, which will provide, as near as possible, 100% superfast broadband coverage throughout the District, commenced in March 2016 with completion due the following year.</p>

3	2020 Vision Project	Reports will be brought forward as the project develops.		<p>FMOS</p> <p>It was agreed at the December 2014 meeting that the Committee should monitor the 2020 Vision Project with further updates being provided as appropriate.</p> <p>An update on the project was received from the Managing Director of the 2020 Vision Partnership in March and a presentation on Local Authority Owned Company Models was received at the last meeting.</p>
4	Re-organisation of Local Government			<p>FMOS</p> <p>At the March meeting the Committee agreed that the re-organisation of Local Government be included in the Committee Work Programme.</p> <p>Following discussions with civil servants, all the Oxfordshire councils have agreed to work together to discuss areas of common ground, assess potential options and establish whether we can agree a way forward building on the work done to date.</p>
5	Performance Indicators	To receive information on performance indicators relating to Corporate Resources, Business Information and Change, Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits, and Legal and Democratic Services.	Reports on Performance Indicators are considered on a quarterly basis.	

6	Treasury Management Activity and Performance	To receive information on treasury management and the performance of in-house and external fund managers' Activity.	Reports on treasury management activity and performance are considered on a quarterly basis.	
7	Budget	To consider the initial draft base budgets, draft fees and charges for and the latest Capital Programme for the current and future years.	December 2016	
8	Medium Term Financial Strategy	To consider the annual refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	A report is submitted on an annual basis	
9	Investment Property Review	To advise Members of current property investments and their performance since the last review.	A report is submitted on an annual basis	FMOS The annual report was considered at the last meeting.
10	Extension of the Right to Buy to Housing Association properties	To receive a report on the impact of the Government's proposals to extend the Right to Buy to Housing Association properties.		FMOS At the July meeting it was agreed that a report on the impact of the Government's proposals to extend the Right to Buy to Housing Association properties would be submitted once more detailed information became available.  A report regarding Cottsway Housing's desire to introduce a Right to Buy scheme in West Oxfordshire was considered at the last meeting.

11	Changes in the Allocation of Business Rates	To receive a report on the potential impact of changes in the allocation of Business Rates		<p>FMOS</p> <p>At the December meeting it was agreed that a report on the potential impact of changes in the allocation of Business Rates on the Council would be submitted to a future meeting.</p> <p>A report regarding the proposed changes in the allocation of Business Rates was considered at the last meeting</p>
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