

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016
COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017
REPORT OF FRANK WILSON, STRATEGIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PAID
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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

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016/2017				
	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
Items Originated by the Committee				
I	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 suggested the possibility of devising a local key worker mortgage support scheme.</p> <p>A report setting out options for mortgage support schemes was considered by the Committee in July when 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> <p>On 19 October the Cabinet gave consideration to a report advising Members of options for mortgage support schemes and inviting consideration as to whether the Council would wish to invest in such a programme.</p> <p>The Cabinet approved the development of the Local Authority Partnership Purchase Broker Scheme in the first instance and requested the Council allocates an initial £500,000 to the 2016/17 capital programme from the Affordable Housing Fund to finance the scheme.</p> <p>The Council acceded to this request at its meeting held on 26 October.</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 July meeting.</p> <p>At its meeting held on 26 October, the Council agreed to the formation of local authority owned companies with 2020 partner councils.</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	The report appears as Agenda Item No. 8
8	Medium Term Financial Strategy	To consider the annual refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	A report is submitted on an annual basis	The report appears as Agenda Item No. 9

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 July meeting.
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