

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2018

MAIN POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE
AND FOLLOW UP ACTION

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

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(The report is for information).

1. PURPOSE

To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on 29 November 2017 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 29 November 2017, consideration was given to nine 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 4 October 2017.

3.2. Agenda Item No. 6: Committee Work Programme

The Committee gave consideration to its Work Programme for 2017/2018.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

It was noted that a joint procurement exercise was underway to explore the viability of providing electric vehicle charging points in Council car parks. It was intended that a report would be submitted to this meeting. A report appears as Agenda Item No. 8

Member Information Technology

In response to concerns raised by Mr Howard regarding issues of compatibility he had experienced with IT and his suggestion that Members should be provided with equipment for Council use it was noted that this issue was under review.

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

The Committee noted the contents of the full Cabinet Work Programme published on 14 November 2017.

Carterton Leisure Centre – Phase II

In response to a question from Mr Howard, Mr Morris confirmed that the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee would have the opportunity to feed in any comments on the scheme to the Cabinet.

Homelessness Reduction Act

It was noted that this item was now not due to be considered by the Cabinet until March. The report was also considered by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 25 January when the proposals for the implementation of the provisions of the Act were endorsed. The recommendations will be considered by the Cabinet on 14 February.

Management of Revenue Grants

It was noted that a new scheme for the management of revenue grants was to be considered in conjunction with the budget. The scheme was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on Wednesday, 10 January. (Minute No CT/103/2017/2018 refers). The Cabinet's decision has been subject to a 'call-in' and a report appears as Agenda Item No. 12.

3.4. Agenda Item No. 8: Rural Broadband Project Update

The Committee received a presentation from the Council's Business Development Officer regarding progress on the Rural Broadband Project and it was noted that that a further update would be provided at the next meeting.

3.5. Agenda Item No. 9: Budget 2018/2019

The Committee considered and endorsed the initial draft base budgets for 2018/19, draft fees and charges for 2018/19 and the latest Capital Programme for 2017/18 revised and future years. The proposals were subsequently considered by the Cabinet on 10 January and approved by the Council at its meeting on 17 January.

3.6. Agenda Item No. 10: Revised Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017 - 2027

The Committee endorsed the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy, spending targets and principles supporting it.

3.7. Agenda Item No. 11: Publica Commissioning Framework

The Committee received a report regarding the draft commissioning framework which set out the various stages and responsibilities for commissioning services and outlined performance monitoring arrangements.

3.8. Agenda Item No. 12: Performance Indicators – Quarter 2 2017/2018

The Committee received and considered the report of the Head of Leisure and Communities providing information on the Council's performance at the end of the second quarter of year 2017/2018.

3.9 Members' Questions

Members' questions were dealt with as appropriate.

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: 26 January, 2018

Background Papers

None.