

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2018**  
**COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018**  
**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**  
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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 2017/2018.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2017/2018.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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 2017/2018 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

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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	Rural Broadband Project	To monitor and review the project for superfast broadband.	On-going as required	FMOS It was agreed that updates would be provided at key stages of the project.  An update report was submitted to the November meeting and a verbal report presented at the last meeting.
2	Publica/2020 Vision Project	Reports will be brought forward as the project develops.	On-going as required	FMOS It was agreed at the December 2014 meeting that the Committee should monitor the 2020 Vision Project with further updates being provided as appropriate.  The Managing Director of Publica presented the Company's emerging Business Plan to the last meeting prior to its consideration by the Cabinet.  At its meeting held on 14 March the Cabinet recommended that the Leader of the Council approves the Plan.
3	Re-organisation of Local Government		On-going as required	FMOS In March 2017 the Committee agreed that the re-organisation of Local Government be included in the Committee Work Programme.  At the last meeting the Committee agreed that the Leader of the Council be invited to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the current position.

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4	Introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Council Car Parks	Included in the Work Programme at the May meeting.	October 2017	FMOS A progress report was considered in October 2017 and a further report was considered at the last meeting.
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.	

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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.	November 2017	The report was considered at the November meeting and the Budget approved by Council on 28 February.
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 was considered at the November meeting and the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy was approved by Council on 28 February.
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 update report was submitted to the July meeting
10	Revenues and Housing Support Services Recovery Policy	The Cabinet considered and approved the revised Revenues and Housing Support Services Recovery Policy at its meeting held on 10 January.	At the request of the Chairman it was agreed that the Committee would have the opportunity to consider the revised policy.	FMOS A report was considered at the last meeting.

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11	Receipt of Petition – Affordable Housing	<p>At the Council meeting held on 28 February, and via the online petition facility, a petition containing in excess of 750 signatures was submitted by Owen Collins and Rosa Bolger in the terms in the final column.</p> <p>The petition was referred to this Committee for consideration.</p>	<p>An initial report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Members are invited to consider whether there is any specific information they would wish to see included in the report.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p><b>Terms of the Petition</b></p> <p>“With residents spending months in unsuitable emergency accommodation, families separated by a lack of homes for the next generation and a spiralling rental market...we call on West Oxfordshire District Council to commit to using some of its reserves to build council provided housing to meet the crisis levels of need that currently exist”</p>