

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2019

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

(Contact: Councillor Derek Cotterill)

(The report is for information).

1. PURPOSE

To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on 3 April 2019 and to update the Committee on the follow-up action which has been taken.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At the meeting of the Committee held on 3 April 2019, consideration was given to nine substantive items of business.

Main Points of the Last Meeting and Follow up Action

3.2. The Committee noted the report of the Chairman, which gave details of the main points arising from its meeting held on 30 January 2019.

Local Authority Partnership Purchase scheme

3.3. The Committee received an update on the current progress of the Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme. It was agreed that a further report be submitted to this meeting.

Treasury Management Activity and Performance and the Potential Impact of Exit from the European Union

3.4. The Committee received an update on the action taken on the Council's treasury investments and it was agreed that Officers should study the potential for investment in a Real Estate Investment Trust further.

Rural Broadband Project

3.5. It was noted that an update report regarding progress on the Rural Broadband Project would be submitted to the next meeting. A report appears as Agenda Item No. 8.

Introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Council Car Parks

3.6. It was noted that the development of a framework contract by external solicitors had taken far longer than had been anticipated. The Group Manager Council Advisory Services was reviewing the procurement process to establish how things could be improved in the future.

Cabinet Work Programme

3.7. The Committee noted the contents of the full Cabinet Work Programme published on 15 January 2019.

Flexible Homelessness Support Grant

3.8. It was noted that the report regarding proposals for expenditure using the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant, scheduled to have been submitted to the April meeting, was not now expected to be considered by the Cabinet until later in the year. The Committee would have the opportunity to consider the report prior to its submission to the Cabinet. A report appears as Agenda Item No. 9.

Corporate Peer Challenge – Draft Action Plan

3.9. The Committee endorsed the Draft Action Plan formulated in response to the recent Local Government Association’s feedback report following the Corporate Peer Challenge. The Plan was approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 17 April and it is suggested that its implementation be monitored through the Committee Work Programme.

Performance Indicators – Quarter 3 2018/2019

3.10. The Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager, Council and Company Support, which provided information on the Council’s performance as at the end of Quarter 3 2018/2019

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.

D Cotterill
Chairman

Date: 22 May 2019

Background Papers - None