

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

(Contact: Keith Butler, Tel: (01993) 861521)

(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

1. PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with an update on the Work Programme for 2019/2020.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2019/2020.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. At its meeting on 6 June 2018 the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2018/2019 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.
- 3.2. Attached in the Appendix is the approved Work Programme for 2018/2019 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 2019/2020 which is attached as an Appendix to this report.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, 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.

Keith Butler

Head of Democratic Services

(Author: Paul Cracknell, Tel: (01993) 861523; Email: paul.cracknell@westoxon.gov.uk)

Date: 2 July 2019

Background Papers

None

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019/2020				
	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator/Progress
1	Publica/Implementation of the transformation programme	Reports will be brought forward as the project develops.	On-going as required	FMOS The Chairman of FMOS is invited to the quarterly Member Liaison Group meetings with the Publica Executive Directors. Reports will be presented to FMOS on any matters where the Chairman decides that Scrutiny is required.
2	Introduction of Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Council Car Parks	The Committee established a Working Party to investigate the possibility of providing electric vehicle charging points in the District. The sum of £250,000 has been included within the budget for 2018/2019 for this purpose.	On-going as required	FMOS The recommendation relating to the funding of legal costs was approved by the Council on 25 July; and it is now anticipated that a report on the bids for the provision of the charging points will be considered by Cabinet on 2 October 2019.
3	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.	The Council's Treasury Management Advisors, Arlingclose, are to attend the October meeting.

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019/2020				
	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator/Progress
4	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 2019	
5	Medium Term Financial Strategy	To consider the annual refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	A report is submitted on an annual basis	
6	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. November 2019	FMOS
7	Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme	At the meeting in June 2018 it was agreed that a review of the operation of the Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme be included in the Work Programme		FMOS An update report was considered at the January meeting when it was agreed that Officers be requested to continue discussion with Bloor Homes regarding their part exchange scheme and to consider alternative ways in which the Council could offer mortgage assistance. An update was provided at the last meeting and further updates will be provided as appropriate.

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019/2020				
	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator/Progress
8	Publica Business Plan	To consider the Publica Business Plan for 2020/2021	January 2020	FMOS
9	Ubico Business Plan	To consider contract management arrangements and the contract process.	November 2019/January 2020	FMOS
10	Gigaclear Contract	To consider contract management arrangements and the contract process.	July 2019	FMOS A report appears as agenda item No. 8