



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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Name and date of Committee	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
Subject	MAIN POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND FOLLOW UP ACTION
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Cllr Derek Cotterill Chairman Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee Email: derek.cotterill@westoxon.gov.uk
Accountable officer	Not applicable
Summary/Purpose	To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on 17 July 2019 and to update the Committee on the follow-up action which has been taken.
Annexes	None
Recommendation	That the report be noted.
Corporate priorities	To advise the Committee of the follow-up action taken since the last meeting in support of the Council's priorities to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy, to meet the current and future needs of residents and to provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Committee held on 17 July, 2019, consideration was given to eight substantive items of business.

Main Points of the Last Meeting

- 1.2. The Committee noted the report of the Chairman, which gave details of the main points arising from its meeting held on 5 June, 2019.

Committee Work Programme

- 1.3. The Committee considered an update report on its approved Work Programme for 2019/2020.

Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme

- 1.4. It was noted that discussions with Bloor Homes were ongoing and that the Council's Officers were working on further initiatives in relation to other development sites.

Cabinet Work Programme

- 1.5. The Committee noted the contents of the full Cabinet Work Programme published on 25 June 2019.

Superfast Broadband Project

- 1.6. The Committee received an update report regarding the progress of the contract with Gigaclear PLC to design, build and operate the superfast broadband network.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

- 1.7. The Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager – Commissioning which outlined the work currently underway at both the District and County Councils to provide Electric Vehicle Charging Points within West Oxfordshire.

Register of Section 106 Agreements

- 1.8. It was noted that the production of a register of Section 106 agreements had been included within the Audit and General Purposes Committee's Work Programme and a report would be submitted in due course.

Proposed Capital Investment to Enable the Delivery of Affordable Housing

- 1.9. The Committee resolved to request the Cabinet to approve a potential capital investment that would enable the delivery of an additional 164 affordable homes within the District. At its meeting held on 24 July the Cabinet recommended that the Council approve an extension to the loan agreement with Cottsway Housing and authorise the Chief Finance Officer to update the Council's Capital Programme, Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy accordingly. The recommendations were approved by the Council on 31 July and the extension to the loan agreement has now been concluded.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. None

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1. Not applicable

5. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items, there are none arising directly from this report.

6. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

6.1. Not applicable, the report is submitted for information only.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1. None