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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

You are summoned to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 6 November 2024 at 5.30 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chair), Joy Aitman (Vice-Chair), Thomas Ashby, Adam Clements, Julian Cooper, Steve Cosier, Rachel Crouch, Genny Early, Natalie King, Liz Leffman, Nick Leverton, Dan Levy, Andrew Lyon, Paul Marsh, Stuart McCarroll, Michele Mead, Elizabeth Poskitt, Carl Rylett, Sandra Simpson, Ruth Smith, Alistair Wray, Liam Walker, Mark Walker and Alex Wilson

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
To receive any apologies for absence and to note any temporary appointments.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held 2 October 2024.
4. **Chair's announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
5. **Participation of the Public**
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, anyone who lives in the district or who pays council tax or business rates to the Council is eligible to read a statement or express an opinion at this meeting. You can register to speak by sending your written submission of no more than 750 words to democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk by no later than 10.00am on the working day before the meeting.
6. **Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023/24 (Pages 9 - 28)**
Purpose:
To note the West Oxfordshire Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for 2023/24.

Recommendations:
That the Committee resolves to:
 1. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 20 November 2024.
Invited:
Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager
Jasper Lamoon, Infrastructure Delivery Lead
7. **West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2041 Update (Pages 29 - 48)**
Purpose:
To provide an update on the emerging draft West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2041, with particular regard to proposed national planning policy changes, and to agree a revised timetable for taking the plan through to adoption.

Recommendations:
That the Committee resolves to:
 2. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 20 November 2024.

Invited:

Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager

8. **Westhive Criteria (Pages 49 - 56)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to consider the strengthening and clarification of established criteria for Westhive civic crowdfunding platform.

Recommendations:

That the Committee resolves to:

3. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 20 November 2024.

Invited:

Councillor Alaric Smith, Executive Member for Finance
Phil Martin, Director of Place
Janine Sparrowhawk - Community Funding Officer

9. **Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Two (Pages 57 - 74)**

Purpose:

To detail the Council's financial performance for Quarter Two 2024-2025.

Recommendations:

That the Committee resolves to:

4. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 20 November 2024.

Invited:

Councillor Alaric Smith, Executive Member for Finance
Madhu Richards, Director of Finance
Georgina Dyer, Chief Accountant

10. **Report back on recommendations**

There were no recommendations arising from the previous meeting of the Committee.

11. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 75 - 84)**

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to comment on the Executive Work Programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee agrees which items on the Executive Work Programme should be subject to pre-decision scrutiny and the priority order of those items.

12. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 85 - 88)**

Purpose:

To provide the Committee with an updated Work Programme for 2024/25.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and comments on the work programme.

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