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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 Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 8 January 2025 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, 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 temporary appointments.
The quorum for the Committee is 6 Members.
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 - 12)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 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. **Registered Provider Discussion: Sovereign Housing Association**
Purpose
To receive a presentation from Sovereign Housing Association.

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 1. Note the presentation.
 2. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 15 January 2025.
7. **Affordable Housing Delivery Update (Pages 13 - 28)**
Purpose
This report provides an update on delivery against the corporate priority of delivering more affordable homes across the district, particularly social rented homes. This report sets out key information on the delivery of affordable housing to date and the future plans to intervene in the market in order to boost the supply of social rented accommodation.

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 1. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 15 January 2025.

8. **Waste and Environmental Services Review (Pages 29 - 36)**

Purpose

To provide an update on the review of the waste and environmental services contract with Ubico and to outline the proposed Oxfordshire Waste and Environmental Services (WESP) Transformation Programme.

Recommendation:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:

- I. Agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive on 15 January 2025.

9. **Report back on recommendations (Pages 37 - 38)**

For the Committee to note the Executive's response to any recommendations arising from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

10. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 39 - 42)**

Purpose:

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

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and comments on the work programme.

11. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 43 - 52)**

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. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

If the Overview and Scrutiny Committee wishes to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of the Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities ((Executive Arrangements) Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **Waste and Environmental Services Review - Exempt Annex A (Pages 53 - 134)**

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