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Name and date of Committee	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 April 2021
Report Number	Agenda Item No. 5
Subject	Committee Work Programme 2020/2021
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Cllr Alaa Al-Yousuf, Chairman Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Email: alaa.alyousuf@westoxon.gov.uk
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Summary/Purpose	To provide the Committee with an update on its Work Programme 2020/21.
Annexes	Annex 1 - Work Programme for 2020/2021
Recommendation	That the Committee notes the work programme, provides comment where needed.
Corporate priorities	To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme and support 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

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. At the May meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. At the last Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a new style work programme was considered and adopted. This is made up of a number of regular updates covering areas of work that fall into the scrutiny committees' remit.
- 2.2. Members are asked to consider the programme, attached at [Annex I](#), along with the Cabinet work programme, and decide if there are any items that they wish to scrutinise in particular.
- 2.3. Once considered, the Committee can decide whether to submit formal comments or recommendations to the Cabinet as they see fit.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. Flood Prevention, Drainage & Sewerage Infrastructure Issues: this item is listed for consideration at the meeting but as yet, no update has been received.
- 2.6. Council 28 October 2020 – Bulk Waste Charges: Members may wish to consider the request put forward at the Council meeting from Councillor Enright, during consideration of the Bring Sites report (Minute number 38.7). Councillor Enright asked if the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee could reconsider the charges as part of its work programme.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Not applicable

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items within the Work Programme, there are none arising directly from this report.

7. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 7.1. 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.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1. Non

Work Programme 2020/2021 – Environment O&S

Annex I

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	Title	Format	Lead Officer / Cabinet Member	Next report / Anticipated Completion Date	Comments
1	Environmental Services Improvement Programme	Report	Bill Oddy / Scott Williams / Cllr MacRae		To provide an overview of the project and enable to the committee to decide which areas they wish to scrutinise
2	Lead Local Flood Authority Update – deferred to June Committee	Q&A session	Oxfordshire County Council	10 June 2021 – deferred due to staffing changes at OCC	OCC to be invited to attend in June to provide an update on their role and responsibilities
3	Environmental Services Innovation Programme	Presentation / briefing	Bill Oddy / Scott Williams / Cllr MacRae		Presentation on the Environmental Services Innovation Programme
	In Cab Technology Report	Report	Scott Williams		To provide an overview of the report to Cabinet 21.4.21

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Regular Reports	Frequency	Next Meeting Date
Update on Carbon Action Plan – Ness Scott and Councillor Harvey (Cabinet Work Programme number 3)	Every meeting	April 2021
Flood Prevention, Drainage & Sewerage Infrastructure Issues - Councillor MacRae / Laurence King	As required	
Air Quality	Annual report	TBC

Suggestions for future workstreams

Adoption of Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy	No	No	Cabinet	24 March 2021	Strategy Document	
Consideration of a request from Woodstock Town Council to authorise the Town Council to apply to Natural England for the statutory designation of the Woodstock Water Meadows as a Local Nature Reserve	No	No	Cabinet	24 March 2021	None	

Update from representative on relevant Cabinet Advisory Group for Environment – if appropriate.