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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>7 April 2022</b>
Report Number	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
Subject	<b>Committee Work Programme 2021/2022</b>
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To provide the Committee with an update on its Work Programme 2021/22.
Annexes	<a href="#">Annex 1</a> - Work Programme for 2021/22
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. Members are asked to consider the work programme, along with the Cabinet work programme, and decide if there are any items that they wish to scrutinise in particular.
- 2.2. Once considered, the Committee can decide whether to submit formal comments or recommendations to the Cabinet as they see fit.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. Local Lead Flood Authority – update  
Laurence King attended the February 2022 meeting and answered questions on the Witney Flood Investigation Report.

## **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. None.

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WP	Title	Format	Lead Officer / Cabinet Member	Next report / Anticipated Completion Date	Comments
1	Review of OCC Section 19 relating to the Christmas Floods 2020	Verbal update	Bill Oddy / Councillor MacRae	July 2022	The Cabinet member, Councillor MacRae and the Shared Principal Engineer Mr Laurence King and Frank Wilson of Publica attended the 3 February Committee meeting and reviewed the Witney Flood Investigation Report. Working group between EA, Thames Water, WODC and OCC will determine next steps and action plan from the report. Mr Laurence and Councillor MacRae will share progress with the Committee and WASP when available.
2	Riparian Ownership and flood risk WODC owned land	Verbal update	Councillor MacRae / Laurence King	July 2022	The Cabinet member, Councillor MacRae and the Shared Principal Engineer Mr Laurence King and Frank Wilson of Publica attended the 3 February Committee meeting and reviewed the Witney Flood Investigation Report. Working group between EA, Thames Water, WODC and OCC will determine next steps and action plan from the report. Mr Laurence and Councillor MacRae will share progress with the Committee and WASP when available.

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Annex 1

3	Service Performance Report 2021-22 Quarter Three	Written Report	Bill Oddy / Councillor MacRae	July 2022	Bill Oddy, Elizabeth Griffiths and Frank Wilson on hand for questions.
4	Air Quality Update	Verbal Update	Phil Measures	July 2022	Phil Measure to provided verbal update 3 February, next update due July 2022.
5	Governments initiative of zero recycle cost for residents	Verbal update	Councillor MacRae / Scott Williams	When there is news to share. Initiate began 2019 but is behind due to the pandemic, review beginning 2022	Verbal update due from Scott Williams when there is news to share. See link for current details: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-plans-to-overhaul-waste-system">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-plans-to-overhaul-waste-system</a>

Regular Reports	Frequency	Next Meeting Date
Update on Carbon Action Plan – Ness Scott and Councillor Harvey (Cabinet Work Programme number 3)	Every meeting	This will now become a regular update as Climate Action Update on the Agenda.
Flood Prevention, Drainage & Sewerage Infrastructure Issues - Councillor MacRae / Laurence King	As required	Ongoing
Air Quality	Annual report	Phil Measures to give a verbal update at the Committee 3 February - see link: <a href="https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/noise-pests-pollution-and-air-quality/air-quality/">https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/noise-pests-pollution-and-air-quality/air-quality/</a>

**Suggestions for future workstreams:**

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