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Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Tuesday 2 September 2014**

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Place: **St Aldate's Room, Town Hall**

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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN

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Contact Officer: Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer
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Background Information
<p>The Scrutiny Committee operates within a work programme which has been set for the 2014/15 council year</p> <p>This programme will be reviewed at every meeting so that it can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Committee.</p> <p>A long-list of suggested future items and review topics is also included.</p>
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>In particular the Committee is asked to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Which suggested future scrutiny items / reviews should be a priority.- Which suggested future scrutiny items / reviews should not be a priority.- Whether any salient issues or topics are missing from the work programme.
Who has been invited to comment?
<p>Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer will present the work programme, answer questions and support the Committee in its decision making.</p>

4 UPDATE FROM STANDING PANELS

For the Chairs of the Housing and Finance Standing Panels to update the Committee on their work

The next Finance Standing Panel is scheduled for 4 September
The next Housing Standing Panel is scheduled for 9 October

5 REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS

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Contact Officer: Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer,
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Background Information
The Committee makes a number of recommendations to officers and decision makers. This item allows Committee to see the results of recommendations since the last meeting and the cumulative results of all scrutiny recommendations.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>An update on recommendations made during the following Scrutiny Committee items on 23 June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Engagement Plan• Integrated Performance Report for 2013/14 - quarter 4• Fusion Lifestyle Performance 2013-14 (see item 6) <p>Members may wish to follow up on any agreed recommendations that are not on track to be implemented within expected timescales.</p> <p>Where recommendations were not agreed, Members may wish to consider reviewing whether any identified issues are on-going, or whether alternative proposals for addressing these have been effective.</p>
Who has been invited to comment?
Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer, can advise the Committee on progress made in implementing agreed recommendations.

6 UPDATE PAPER - FUSION LIFESTYLE - CONTRACT PERFORMANCE 2013/2014

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Contact Officer: Ian Brook, Head of Leisure, Parks and Communities
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Background Information
To report back to the Committee following questions asked on this item at the June meeting.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>A briefing paper is attached providing further information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty running costs• Managing poor performance• Publicity campaigning

- Views of non-card users at facilities
- Falling attendance among young people
- Information excluded from the public

Please note that further information regarding the City Council financing investment spending has also been requested and will be circulated separately to Members once this is available.

Who has been invited to comment?

This is a paper for information, any further comments or questions can be picked up outside of the Committee meeting.

7 PERFORMANCE MONITORING - QUARTER 1 2014/15

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Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee set a small Panel of members to consider the available performance measures and select two sets, linked to the scrutiny programme, for monitoring on a quarterly basis.

The sets are to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee and the Housing Panel. The attached table includes the selection for the Scrutiny Committee.

Why is it on the agenda?

These tables represent performance at the end of Quarter 3. The Panel was able to find and select measures that related to the following priorities of the Committee:

- Youth Ambition.
- Reducing Emissions.
- Participation in Healthy Activities.
- Improved Recycling.
- Great Customer Contact
- Empowerment.
- Corporate Health.

Members may wish to focus on measures that were below target in quarter 1 and seek assurances that these will be achieved by year end, or where this is not likely to be the case, that there are satisfactory reasons why.

Who has been invited to comment?

Neil Lawrence, the City Council's Performance Improvement Manager has been invited to assist the Committee with this discussion. Any detailed information required by the Committee can be requested to be made available for a future meeting.

8 OXFORDSHIRE GROWTH BOARD

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Contact Officer: David Edwards, Executive Director of City Development and Housing

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Background Information
<p>The City Executive Board on 10 September will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the City Council becoming a member of the Oxfordshire Joint Growth Board, and the terms and conditions appended to the report.• Appoint the Leader of the Council as the City Council's representative on the Board and any other Executive Member as substitute, to be determined by the Leader of the Council.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre decision scrutiny.</p> <p>Members may wish to consider issues around governance and accountability of this partnership board and to feed in any views or comments to the City Council's proposed representative on this board.</p>
Who has been invited to comment?
<p>Councillor Price, David Edwards and Michael Crofton-Briggs have been invited to attend to present their report and answer the Committee's questions.</p>

9 BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

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Contact Officer: Simon Howick, Head of Human Resources and Facilities

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Background Information
<p>The City Executive Board on 10 September 2014 will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endorse the connection with Cherwell School and the arrangements described within the report.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre decision scrutiny.</p> <p>Members may wish to explore what outcomes the City Council is seeking to achieve, how success will be measured and how City Council staff will be supported in mentoring Year 10s and Year 12s at Cherwell School.</p>

Who has been invited to comment?
Councillor Price and Simon Howick have been invited to attend to present this item and answer the Committee's questions.

10 MINUTES

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Minutes from 23 June 2014

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2014 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

- 6 October 2014
- 10 November 2014
- 8 December 2014
- 19 January 2015
- 3 February 2015

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