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Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Thursday 5 April 2018**

Time: **6.00 pm**

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

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Scrutiny Committee

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	Councillor Jamila Begum Azad
	Councillor Steven Curran
	Councillor James Fry
	Councillor David Henwood
	Councillor Mark Ladbrooke
	Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan
	Councillor Michele Paule
	Councillor Mark Lygo
	Councillor David Thomas

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AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Taylor attending as substitute for Cllr Chapman who has given his apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 MINUTES

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Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 06 March 2018 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

4 REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS

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Contact Officer: Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer,
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Background Information
Scrutiny is empowered to make recommendations to the City Executive Board, which is obliged to respond in writing.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Committee to note and comment on recent executive responses to Scrutiny recommendations. Since the last meeting, the Board has responded to recommendations on the Oxford Living Wage.
Who has been invited to comment?
Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer and Councillor Ladbrooke (Chair of the Oxford Living Wage review group)

5 WORK PLAN AND FORWARD PLAN

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Background Information
The Scrutiny Committee operates within a work plan which is agreed at the start of the Council year. The work plan will be reviewed at every meeting and can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Committee and take account of any changes to the latest Forward Plan (which outlines decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board or Council).
Why is it on the agenda?
The Committee is asked to review and note its work plan for the 2017/18 council year. The Committee is also asked to select Forward Plan items for pre-decision scrutiny based on the following criteria (max. 3 per meeting): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the issue controversial / of significant public interest? • Is it an area of high expenditure? • Is it an essential service / corporate priority? • Can Scrutiny influence and add value? A maximum of three items for pre-scrutiny will normally apply.
Who has been invited to comment?
Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer

6 HEALTH INEQUALITIES PROGRESS UPDATE

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Background Information
The Scrutiny Committee commissioned an update from the Policy and Partnerships Team Manager on the progress made against recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee in March 2017.
Why is it on the agenda?
The Committee is asked to note and comment on the report, and agree any additional recommendations.
Who has been invited to comment?
Councillor Tidball, Board Member for Young People, Schools and Public Health Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings for 2018 are scheduled as followed:

Scrutiny Committee

- 17 May
- 05 June
- 03 July
- 30 July (provisional)
- 06 September
- 08 October
- 06 November
- 04 December

Standing Panels

Housing Standing Panel: 09 April, 05 July, 11 October, 12 November

Finance Standing Panel: 07 June, 10 September, 06 December

Companies Panel: dates tbc

All meetings start at 6.00 pm

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What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licences for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

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Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

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