

Scrutiny recommendation tracker 2017/18 – July 2017

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| Total recommendations (year to date): | 1 | |
| Agreed | 0 | 0% |
| Agreed in part | 1 | 100% |
| Not agreed | 0 | 0% |

15 JUNE 2017 CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Agree?</i> | <i>Comment</i> |
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| <p>That consideration is given to the possibility and desirability of using planning policy to protect and control shopping frontages in smaller shopping areas that are not classified as local centres.</p> | <p>In part</p> | <p>Local centres are considered in the Local Plan Preferred Options document as part of the hierarchy of centres for town centres uses. Town centres are where town centre uses should be directed. The definition of Town centres in the NPPF explicitly excludes neighbourhood centres.</p> <p>An option to include a lower tier of centres (below Local Centres) has not been put forward in the Plan, as this is not therefore considered to be compliant with the NPPF which sets out that small parades of shops are not classed as 'centres'. The proposed Local Centres are listed in the Options document, and if consultees consider further areas should to be identified as centres, they can be put forward during the consultation, and if it's considered that they do meet the NPPF definition then they can be included in the draft plan.</p> |

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Scrutiny recommendation tracker 2016/17

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| Total recommendations (year to date): | 146 | |
| Agreed | 123 | 84% |
| Agreed in part | 10 | 7% |
| Not agreed | 13 | 9% |

11 MAY 2017 CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

South Oxford Science Village Planning Application

| Recommendation | Agree? | Comment |
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| That the City Council, in partnership with Thames Water and Magdalen College, seeks to submit a planning application for South Oxford Science Village as soon as possible. | Y | |

Fusion Lifestyle's 2017/18 Annual Service Plan

| Recommendation | Agree? | Comment |
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| 1. That the City Council and Fusion Lifestyle resolve the issue of whether or not to capture the numbers of individual service users (as far as practicably possible) as well as the numbers of visits, either by coming forward with a plan for doing so or by providing reasons why not. | Y | It is not possible to capture the number of individual service users as we have a large number of pay and play users and there are many users who we currently cannot identify. Work outlined in the plan to increase the take up of reward cards and convert more casual users into members will help us gather more information on users. The number of individual members and reward card holders will be reported in the performance data presented to Scrutiny Cttee. |
| 2. That the Service Plan includes a greater emphasis on improving disabled access to leisure centres. | Y | Improvements such as the newly equipped disabled changing room at Hinksey Pool can be highlighted. |
| 3. That in future years Fusion Lifestyle's annual service plans can be presented to the Scrutiny Committee for pre-decision scrutiny alongside performance data for the previous year. This is likely to mean the service plans going to CEB for endorsement in June/July rather than May in future years. | Y in part | <p>It is up to the scrutiny committee to agree it's work programme and schedule its own agendas.</p> <p>The Annual Service Plan will continue to go to CEB in May.</p> <p>Scrutiny committee should decide which is more important; pre-scrutiny of the ASP or consideration of the ASP alongside the performance data.</p> <p>If the scrutiny committee were to move to consideration of the ASP alongside the performance report, after the ASP has been agreed by CEB, its recommendations would still help to improve leisure services.</p> |

The local impacts of Brexit

| Recommendation | Agree? | Comment |
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| <p>That the Council, perhaps through the LEP, considers whether there is a need for a mechanism for local businesses to express concerns at an early stage about the expected impacts of Brexit on their businesses and jobs in the local economy.</p> | Y | <p>The City Council is in regular contact with Oxford businesses, as is the LEP, and the potential impacts of the U.K. leaving the single market and customs union have been widely discussed. The Council and the LEP have flagged their concerns in their responses to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper and will continue to monitor and report to BEIS on the potential consequences of Brexit. The Council has also responded to the Local Government Association who are liaising with Government on this matter.</p> <p>Going forward, the mechanism for local business to express their concerns is our existing programme of business engagement that delivers against our Business Engagement Framework. We make contact with the largest employers on an annual basis at a minimum (working with the LEP's Inward Investment and Network Navigator services) to meet with them and understand their plans, issues and support them where required with investment decisions, information and contacts. The impacts of Brexit will continue to form part of those discussions as they become clearer.</p> <p>We can also engage the views of a wider business base, by using our links to business and sector networks that operate locally to gain a collective view of the impact on their members, particularly smaller businesses. The impact of exiting the EU will also be referred to the Oxford Strategic Partnership's Economic Growth Steering group to report on. Where more evidence is uncovered on the likely impact, it will be shared with colleagues, members and the key Government departments as appropriate.</p> |

The Council's use of PSPO powers

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| <p>1. That the City Council takes more targeted enforcement actions aimed at addressing breaches of cycling restrictions in Queen Street and Cornmarket Street, together with more proactive messaging to key groups such as students.</p> | <p>Y</p> | <p>The management of cycling restrictions that exist in Queen St and Cornmarket is the duty of Oxfordshire County Council. The City Council will run operations to tackle breaches of the PSPO that reflects the County Council's restrictions, but would like more active assistance from County Council officers.</p> |
| <p>2. That the City Council requests that Oxfordshire County Council does what it can to improve cycling signage on Cornmarket and Queen Street.</p> | <p>Y</p> | |