

Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

Work programme debate outcomes

General Principles

After consultation with back-bench councillors the committee has decided this year to run its programme through a series of themes. Each theme will be led by a small group of councillors.

At least half of the available committee meetings will be organised around “select committee principles” with lead members working with officers to determine lines of inquiry and attendees. Co-option around themes will be considered to enhance the expertise and views of the committee

A Housing Standing Panel has been set to bring together all housing issues and therefore mirror the organisation of the Council. A tenant representative has been invited to be part of this Panel

The programme remains flexible and open to reorganisation by committee. A complete review will be undertaken by the Chair and Vice-Chair in January 2012

The information that follows shows:

- The themed draft programme and focus
- Current nominations
- Projected agenda schedules
- On going Panels
- Housing Panel

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Draft Work Programme 11/12

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Theme	Area(s) for focus	Likely Status of Inquiry	Nominated/interested councillors
Housing	1. All strategic and landlord issues previously contained within the remit of Communities and Partnership and Value and Performance Scrutiny Committees. A separate programme is attached for	<p>Standing Panel with all housing issues considered on this agenda with the exception of HRA financing changes which will be considered by the Finance and Performance Panel within the Treasury Management Strategy</p> <p>Representative from the Tenant Involvement and Monitoring Panel. Named deputy to take the seat when holder is absent</p> <p>Panel meeting see schedule below for dates and topics</p>	<p>No councillor substitutions allowed</p> <p>Cllrs. Campbell, Sanders, McCready and Humberstone</p> <p>Barrie Finch - co-opted from the Tenant Involvement and Monitoring Panel</p> <p>Grace Oshinbolu – named deputy from the Tenant Involvement and Monitoring Panel</p>
Public Health	Focus under consideration. The guidance is that emphasis should be on activities where the Council is involved or can have some influence through partnership working. Agreed to consider how our Community Centres can be used to improve the health offer in the City	<p>Single issues committee meeting Meeting date: 14th. December.</p> <p>Select committee held – findings paper to 7th. February meeting</p>	<p>Cllrs. Jones and Sinclair are Lead Members.</p> <p><i>Request from Cllr. Campbell to join the group</i></p>

Community Engagement	<p>To invite the Head of Policy, Culture and Communications to brief the committee and answer questions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership working - what the City Council is hoping to see and achieve through the reforming partnership structure How the service development to “Increase public input into policy and decision making” is to be delivered and within what objectives and measurements <p>As a separate item to invite County officers and the Cabinet member to outline the changes in Youth Service provision and what this practically means for young people in the City</p>	<p>Committee briefing Target meeting date: 17th. October</p> <p>Meeting held and report written for 7th. December CEB.</p> <p>Committee agree to change the regeneration select committee issue from youth unemployment to engagement with hard to reach groups</p> <p>Committee inquiry Target meeting date: To be decided</p>	<p>Councillor Wilkinson</p> <p>The committee is looking for at least 1 additional member to express an interest in this area</p>
Regeneration	<p>Suggestion: Unemployment amongst young people in deprived communities: (Exact format and attendees to be finalised by nominated members) This focus has been changed by committee to engagement and support for young unemployed people</p>	<p>Select committee inquiry Target meeting date: March 12th. 2012</p>	<p>Councillors Lloyd-Shogbesan and Altaph-Khan nominations required</p>
Hosing Stock de-designation	<p>Review of first year of the agreed de-designation programme as proposed by the scrutiny review panel in 2010</p>	<p>Panel Review Information gathering February 2012.</p>	<p>All previous review group members still serving</p>

		Scrutiny Officer review date 28 th . March 2012	Cllrs. Sinclair and Smith (co-opted) plus Anita Fisher IMP
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Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee Agenda Schedules

Dates	Slots and Items
6 th . June	1. Housing Strategy – issues and next steps 2. Community Engagement – Start up of Area Forums 3. End of year performance figures – Community Housing 4. Spending cuts and the effects on the voluntary sector in Oxford Introduction to David Edwards Meeting full
17 th . October	1. Cleaner Greener Panel Report 2. Interim report – Young Peoples Engagement 3. Partnership working and increasing the public involvement in policy and decision making Meeting full
12 th . Dec	1. Public Health – Single Issue meeting Meeting full
7 th . February Re-arranged to 12 th . March	1.Regeneration – Select Committee – Unemployment amongst young people 2.Public Health Select Committee Report Meeting full
27 th . March	Reception for Positive Futures Young Peoples Forum – Lord Mayor
2 nd . April	1. Area Forum development – Panel report 2. Stock de-designation 1 st . year review 3. Vacant slot

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Ongoing panels

Topic	Comment
Young Peoples Engagement Councillors Campbell, Sanders and Sinclair	Interim report in October full report in February
Cleaner greener – Blackbird Leys Councillors Campbell, Humberstone and Smith (local councillor)	Final report in October
Community Engagement – Area Forums Councillors Wilkinson and Sanders	Progress Report in February

Housing Panel

Topics and outline lines of inquiry agreed for 2011/2012

Topic	Lines of Inquiry
<p>Development of the Housing Strategy</p> <p>Lead member:</p> <p>Councillor Campbell</p>	<p>To see a draft of the new strategy as early as possible and in addition to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the results against the targets for the expired strategy • Understand the gaps and new issues to be addressed • How these gaps are turned into priorities for action and targets within the proposed strategy • Understand what success depends on in realistic terms and where and how we can have the greatest influence <p>Target timing: October and Dec/January</p>
<p>Effects of recent government changes in housing and benefits and their effects in Oxford (positive and negative). Our policy response to this linked with the use of allocated contingencies</p> <p>Lead Member:</p> <p>Councillor Sanders</p>	<p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changes we are seeing in Oxford, as presented through our services • A judgement on how this likely to develop based on service demands and changes on the way • How we are responding in terms of spending and service delivery • How much of the budgeted contingencies have been used or are likely to be used <p>Target timing: October and February</p>
<p>Estate Management – Service Standards</p> <p>Lead member:</p> <p>Councillor Humberstone</p>	<p>To see and have an opportunity to comment on the scoping of the 6 month review of the new Landlord Service Structure</p> <p>To see outcomes from the review and have the opportunity to engage with and comment the issues arising</p> <p>Target timing: October and</p>

	December/January
<p>Investment in the housing stock beyond decent homes</p> <p>Housing repair – cost and quality</p> <p>Lead member:</p> <p>Councillor McCreedy</p>	<p>To be agreed</p> <p>Timing: asap</p>
<p>Tenant Involvement</p> <p>Lead member:</p> <p>Barrie Finch</p>	<p>To consider proposals/strategies to improve tenant involvement and how these compare to best practice</p> <p>In 6 months time (February/March) to have details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of tenants actively involved • The activities tenants are involved in • The overall structure provided by the Council for tenant engagement • How these structure provide for real opportunities for tenants to influence and effect change. Examples of this happening <p>Target timing: October, February/March</p>

Potential Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Items	Lead Panel members
28th October 2.00pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing Strategy – issues, understanding and options 2. Effects of housing and benefits changes in the City. Response and costs 3. Scoping of the review of estate management changes 4. Tenant involvement best practice and structures 	
14 th . November 5.30pm	Just in case date	
1 st . December 5.30pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing Strategy – formal consultation response 2. Results of the review of estate management changes 3. Housing repairs vfm 4. Housing reform landlord/tenant issues 	
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? March	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing repairs vfm Housing reform landlord/tenant issues 	

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