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Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Tuesday 3 February 2015**

Time: **6.00 pm**

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

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Scrutiny Committee

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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 UPDATES SINCE THE LAST MEETING

For Scrutiny Members to update the Committee on any developments since the last meeting.

Chairs of the Finance and Housing Standing Panels may wish to update the Committee on their work.

The progress of review panels is briefly set out in section 2 of the work programme but Lead Members may also wish to provide a verbal update.

4 COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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Contact Officer: Angela Cristofoli, Communities and Neighbourhoods Manager Tel: 01865 252688 acristofoli@oxford.gov.uk

Why is it on the agenda?
The Scrutiny Committee requested a report to update it on the work of the Community and Neighbourhoods Team as part of its work programming for 2014/15.
Who has been invited to comment?
Angela Cristofoli has been invited to speak with Scrutiny about the work of her team.

5 ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PREVENTING ISOLATION

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Contact Officers: Luke Nipen Tel: 07717881073
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Why is it on the agenda?
The Scrutiny Committee has requested a report to update it on activities the City Council provides for older people and efforts to prevent loneliness and isolation.
Who has been invited to comment?
Vicki Galvin and Luke Nipen will attend to present their report and answer the Committee's questions.

6 GRANT ALLOCATIONS TO COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2015/16

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Contact Officer: Julia Tomkins, Communities and Neighbourhoods
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Background Information
The City Council allocates grants to community and voluntary grants each year.
Why is it on the agenda?
The Scrutiny Committee agreed to pre-scrutinise this decision at its meeting on 8 December 2014.
Who has been invited to comment?
Julia Tomkins has been invited to present this item.

7 WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN

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Contact Officer: Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer Tel: 01865 252230
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Background Information
Indicative agenda schedules are set out in section 5 of the Scrutiny Work Programme.

The latest Forward Plan is included which outlines decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board or Council.

Why is it on the agenda?

The work programme will be reviewed at every meeting so that it can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Committee

Members are asked to select which Forward Plan items they wish to pre-scrutinise based on the following criteria:

- *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?

Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer can support the Committee in its discussion.

8 REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS

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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?

Since the last Scrutiny Committee meeting, recommendations on the following items have been added:

- Oxfordshire Growth Board
- New Council controls over anti-social behaviour
- Fuel Poverty
- STAR Survey 2014

Who has been invited to comment?

Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer.

9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

2 March 2015
23 March 2015

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