Agenda



Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 6 December 2016

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: St Aldate's Room, Town Hall

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Scrutiny Committee

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Councillor David Henwood Councillor Jennifer Pegg Councillor Craig Simmons Councillor Sian Taylor Councillor Marie Tidball Councillor Ruth Wilkinson

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AGENDA

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3	WORK PLAN AND FORWARD PLAN (6.00 PM) 10 MINS	9 - 36

Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee operates within a work plan which has been set for the 2016/17 council year. This plan will be reviewed at every meeting so that it can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Committee and take account of any changes to the latest <u>Forward Plan</u> (which outlines decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board or Council).

Why is it on the agenda?

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. Review and note the Scrutiny work plan for 2016/17.
- 2. 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.

3. Agree whether to appoint a one-meeting Panel to consider the Health & Wellbeing Board report on Health Inequalities.

Who has been invited to comment?

• Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer

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Background Information

The Committee makes a number of recommendations to officers and decision makers, who are obliged to respond in writing.

Why is it on the agenda?

This item allows Committee to see the results of recommendations since the last meeting.

Since the last meeting the following items have resulted in recommendations to the City Executive Board:

- Planning Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)
- Digital Strategy

Who has been invited to comment?

The Chair and the Scrutiny Officer will present the report.

5 COMMISSIONED ADVICE STRATEGY 2018-2021 (6.10 PM) 30 MINS

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Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre-decision scrutiny.

Why is it on the agenda?

The City Executive Board will be asked to agree that the Council should formally commission advice services from 2018 at its meeting on 15 December 2016. This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to make recommendations to the City Executive Board.

Who has been invited to comment?

- Councillor Brown, Board member for Customer and Corporate Services,
- Paul Wilding, Revenue & Benefits Programme Manager.

6 SAFEGUARDING LANGUAGE SCHOOL STUDENTS (6.40 PM) 40 MINS

Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee commissioned officers to update the Committee on the safeguarding arrangements for foreign language students studying in Oxford.

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Why is it on the agenda?

For the Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on the report and decide whether there is more work for a review group to undertake.

Who has been invited to comment?

- Councillor Sinclair, Board Member for Community Safety,
- Richard Adams, Community Safety & Resilience Manager
- Ben Smith, ASB Prevention Project Co-ordinator

7 CYCLING PROGRESS REPORT (7.20 PM) 25 MINS

Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee commissioned the Cycling Review Group to review cycling provisions in 2015.

Why is it on the agenda?

For the Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress and implementation following the recommendations of the Cycling Review Group, which reported to the City Executive Board in September 2015.

Who has been invited to comment?

- Councillor Upton, Chair of the Cycling Review Group,
- Councillor Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning & Regulatory Services,
- Sophie Hearn, Contracts Manager.

8 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN (SEAP) FOR OXFORD (7.45 PM) 30 MINS

Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre-decision scrutiny.

Why is it on the agenda?

The City Executive Board will be asked to approve the 'Low Carbon Oxford: A Route Map to 2020' report and the accompanying Sustainable Energy Action Plan at its meeting on December 2016. This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to make recommendations to the City Executive Board.

Who has been invited to comment?

- Councillor Tanner, Board member for a Clean, Green Oxford,
- Jo Colwell, Environmental Sustainability Service Manager,
- Mairi Brookes, OxFutures Programme Manager.

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9 PERFORMANCE MONITORING- QUARTER 2 (8.15 PM) **10 MINS**

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Background Information

The Scrutiny Committee has a role in monitoring Council performance and quarterly reports are provided to the Committee on a set of selected corporate and service indicators. The Housing Panel receives separate reports on housing performance.

Why is it on the agenda?

For the Scrutiny Committee to note and comment on Council performance at the end of 2016/17 Quarter 2 (September

Who has been invited to comment?

Cllr Fry, as Committee lead may wish to comment on the performance outcomes.

10 **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT ON AIR QUALITY (8.25 PM)** 5 MINS

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The Committee considered an item on Air Quality at the last meeting. The Committee is asked to approve the attached report and recommendations for submission to the City Executive Board on 15 December 2016.

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Minutes from 7 November 2016

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2016 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 12

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

Scrutiny Committee

12 January 2017 – Special for Devolution Review Group report

30 January 2017

28 February 2017

27 March 2017

2 May 2017

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

Standing Panels
Housing Standing Panel – 1 March 2017. 5.00pm
Finance Standing Panel – 8 December 2016, 5.30pm

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