## Agenda



# **Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday 2 May 2017

Time: **6.00 pm** 

Place: St Aldate's Room, Town Hall

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### **Scrutiny Committee**

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Councillor Nigel Chapman

Councillor James Fry

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	MINUTES	7 - 16
	Minutes from 27 March 2017	
	Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.	
4	REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS	17 - 26
	Background Information The Committee makes a number of recommendations to The City Executive Board, who are obliged to respond in writing. Why is it on the agenda? Since the last meeting the City Executive Board has responded to Scrutiny recommendations on the following items:  • University Housing Needs  • Public Safety and addressing anti- social behaviour on the Oxford waterways  • Health inequalities  • Air quality  • Policy and Crime Panel  • Workplace Parking Levies  Who has been invited to comment?  • Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer	
5	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 Forward Plan (which outlines decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board or Council).	27 - 50

#### Why is it on the agenda?

This is the last meeting of the Council year. In June the new committee will be asked to agree items for inclusion in the scrutiny work plan for 2017/18.

The Committee is also asked to select which Forward Plan items they wish to scrutinise based on the following criteria (max. 3 per meeting):

- 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?

Who has been invited to comment?

• Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer

## FUSION LIFESTYLE'S 2017/18 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LEISURE FACILITIES.

6.10 PM 35 MINS

**Background Information** 

The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre-decision scrutiny. A Fusion Lifestyle performance report for 2016/17 will be presented at a future committee meeting.

#### Why is it on the agenda?

The City Executive Board will be asked to approve the report at its meeting on 11 May 2017. This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to make recommendations to the City Executive Board.

Who has been invited to comment?

- Cllr Linda Smith, Board Member for Leisure, Parks & Sport;
- Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services;
- Lucy Cherry, Leisure and Performance Manager.

### 7 SOUTH OXFORD SCIENCE VILLAGE PLANNING APPLICATION 6.45 PM 20 MINS

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#### Background Information

The Chair of Scrutiny 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 report at its meeting on 11 May 2017. This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to make recommendations to the City Executive Board. The Chair has suggested that the following lines of inquiry may help to guide the committee's discussion:

- How would the science village fit with the surrounding environment and how robust are the arguments against building an urban extension in this location?
- What implications does this decision have for the local plan making processes of the City Council and South Oxfordshire District Council?
- What planning policies will apply at this site?

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How was the budget allocation of £560k spent?

Who has been invited to comment?

- Cllr Alex Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning;
- Patsy Dell, Head of Planning, Sustainable Development and Regulatory Services.

#### 8 REPORTS FOR APPROVAL

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The Committee is asked to approve the following reports for submission to the City Executive Board on 11 May 2017:

- The Council's use of PSPO powers
- The local financial impacts of Brexit

#### 9 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

#### **Scrutiny Committee**

12 June 2017 – Special for Local Plan 14 June 2017 4 July 2017 31 July 2017 - Provisional

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

#### **Standing Panels**

Housing Standing Panel: 10 July 2017 - Provisional Finance Standing Panel: 6 July 2017 - Provisional

Scrutiny Shareholder Panel: TBC

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