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Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 12 January 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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Committee Membership

Councillor Andrew Gant (Chair)

Councillor Dr Joe McManners (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Lubna Arshad

Councillor Shaista Aziz

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini

Councillor James Fry

Councillor Richard Howlett

Councillor Pat Kennedy

Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Craig Simmons

Apologies and notification of substitutes received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting. Substitutes for the Chair and Vice-chair do not take on these roles.

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1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	9 - 16
Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 01 December 2020 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.	
5 Work Plan and Forward Plan	17 - 30
<p>The Scrutiny Committee operates within a work plan which is agreed at the start of the Council year the latest version of which is attached. The work plan is driven to a very large extent by the Cabinet Forward Plan. A summary of the latest version of the Forward Plan is attached.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to agree the work plan having taken account of any updates and after discussion.</p>	
6 Citizen Engagement	
<p>This report will provide an update for the Scrutiny Committee on the Council's approach to citizen engagement and consultation and the variety of methods used. The Committee is asked to note the report and make such recommendations to Cabinet as it wishes.</p> <p>Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council and Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager, have been invited to attend for this item.</p> <p>Please note that this report will be published as a supplement.</p>	
7 Report back on recommendations and Scrutiny Panel meetings	31 - 36
<p>Councillor James Fry will report back on the activity of the Finance and Performance Panel meeting on 03 December and the Companies Scrutiny Panel on 14 December.</p>	

At its meeting on 09 December Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Committee and its Panels in relation to the following:

- Hidden Homelessness
- Draft Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire
- Workplace Equalities & Action Plan
- Waterways Report

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet responses to those recommendations which are attached.

The Shareholder and Joint Venture Group considered the recommendations from the Companies Scrutiny Panel for the following reports:

- OxWED Update
- OCHL Update – the recommendation was almost identical to one made in the Climate Emergency Review Group, to which Cabinet would be responding imminently. It was agreed to make the response then.

The Committee is asked to note the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group's responses to those recommendations **which are attached as a confidential paper** at the end of this agenda.

8 Dates of future meetings

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

Scrutiny Committee

- 02 February, 02 March, 08 April

Standing Panels

- Finance & Performance: 27 January
- Companies Scrutiny: 15 March
- Housing & Homelessness Panel: 01 February, 04 March

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

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The Committee may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part Two – matters exempt from publication

10 Shareholder and Joint Venture Group responses to recommendations from the Companies Scrutiny Panel

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