

Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker 2014-15

Statement of Community Involvement 2014 Review – Scrutiny Committee 10 November				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
1. That the Statement of Community engagement clearly sets out how members of the public can access paper versions of planning documents	Y	Very happy to accept that change to the report	Cllr Price / Lyndsey Beveridge	Y
Towards Mental Health and Wellbeing – Scrutiny Committee 6 October				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
2. That the establishment of the Member Challenge Panel for Mental Health and Wellbeing does not divert officer resources away from other Member Services such as Scrutiny. Consideration should be given to whether a budget bid is required to support this new Member Panel.	Y	I would anticipate this challenge panel being member led, and operating for the most part informally, rather than drawing upon extensive officer support.	Cllr Turner / Val Johnson	March 2015
3. That the Action Plan is updated and elaborated upon to include progress made against actions that are due.	Y	These are sensible comments on how to develop the action plan, and we had certainly hoped to update and monitor it.	Cllr Turner / Val Johnson	March 2015
4. That resources required to deliver the Action Plan are fully identified and costed, so that any bids for additional resources can be made as part of the current budget setting process.	Y		Cllr Turner / Val Johnson	March 2015
5. That consideration is given to the role of ethnic minority groups and faith	Y		Cllr Turner / Val Johnson	March 2015

leaders in supporting mental health and wellbeing in Oxford, and to how these can be included in the action plan.				
6. That consideration is given to how the action plan supports the mental health and wellbeing of service personnel and veterans, and to whether more focus on these specific groups is required.	Y		Cllr Turner / Val Johnson	March 2015
Draft Culture Strategy 2015-18 – Scrutiny Committee 6 October				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
1. That the Culture Strategy presents the fullest picture of Oxford's cultural offering, including cultural experiences that the City Council is not directly involved in.	Y	The Strategy is focused on cultural offerings and experiences that the Council supports (by funding or partnership working) or delivers. There's no reason why we can't explore these links.	Cllr Simm / Peter McQuitty	Feb 2015
2. That the Culture Strategy sets out how City Council functions such as licencing and planning can play an important role in supporting culture.	Y	Yes	Cllr Simm / Peter McQuitty	Feb 2015
3. That the list of organisations invited to contribute to the Culture Strategy is shared with elected members, so that they can make any further suggestions.	Y	Yes. Happy for this to be shared with anyone else members think would be helpful.	Cllr Simm / Peter McQuitty	Feb 2015
4. That consideration is given to how the City Council can encourage visitors to spend more time in Oxford, and to whether increasing visitor length of stay should be made a priority in the Culture Strategy.	Y	This will be considered by Experience Oxfordshire, who are funded by the City Council, and included in their Service Level Agreement. It will also be considered in the action plan under priority one; Support the sustainability	Cllr Simm / Peter McQuitty	Feb 2015

		of Oxford's cultural sector and improve the skills and diversity of the city's current and future creative workforce.		
Budget Monitoring 2014/15 – Quarter 1 – Finance Panel 4 September				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
7. That urgent action is taken to avoid a loss of subsidy relating to the overpayment of benefits.	Y	Extra action is already being taken, looking at training and processes. The threshold is more stringent this year due to the removal of Council Tax benefit from this calculation.	Cllr Turner / Helen Bishop	Y
8. If necessary to avoid slippage, a flexible approach should be taken to spending the £2m investment in Homelessness Property Acquisitions in 2014/2015. This could include investing in social housing instead.	In part	Note sentiment but other uses are likely to take longer.	Cllr Turner	N/A
9. The premises for the heavy vehicle testing facility should be flexible enough that it can be used for other purposes in the event that the testing facility is not successful.	Y	The facility is expected to be successful.	Cllr Turner	March 2015
10. The capital programme should be a red risk in performance reports until the new capital gateway process proven to be effective.	N	Risks are measured using the Risk Management Framework agreed by Council.	Cllr Turner	N/A
Treasury Management – Finance Panel 4 September				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
1. That consideration is given to how the capital process can be made more	In part	Noted. Where possible a flexible approach will be taken. Changes to the	Cllr Turner	N/A

flexible so that approved projects can be brought forward to mitigate slippage elsewhere in the programme.		capital programme have to be agreed by Council.		
Oxfordshire Growth Board - Scrutiny Committee 23 June				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
1. For the Terms of Reference to explicitly set out that meeting agendas and minutes will be publicly available and that access to meetings will be possible for Councillors and members of the public.	Y	This suggestion will be referred to the Board	Cllr Price	Dec 2014
Community Engagement Policy Statement - Scrutiny Committee 23 June				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N / due date
11. To provide a clear statement in the principles on the ambition for engagement focusing on depth as well as breadth.	Y	Merged with recommendation 3.	Cllrs Price&Simm; Sadie Paige	N/A
12. To provide information on the engagement ambitions set for all consultations during the last year, what was achieved and how this fits with the principles set within the Policy Statement.	Y	To provide this information for all consultations would be a huge piece of work so a sample will be used instead, together with a forward-looking approach.	Cllrs Price&Simm; Sadie Paige	Verbal update on progress expected on 10 Nov 14. Full response to follow.
13. To suggest to the Scrutiny Committee an up and coming engagement/empowerment exercise that can act as a pilot study to demonstrate the effectiveness of the principles within this report.	Y	Two consultations identified as candidates for the pilot as per CEB suggestion. Project brief created for the pilot, which includes the objectives, and a reporting template.	Cllrs Price &Simm; Sadie Paige	2 March 15

14. To provide a table that shows how all comments received during the consultation on this Policy Statement have been handled.	Y	Expected at 10 November Scrutiny Committee meeting.	Cllrs Price & Simm; Sadie Paige	10 Nov 14
End of Year Integrated Report – 2013-2014 - Scrutiny Committee 23 June				
Recommendation	Agreed Y/N	Executive response	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N
2. The Committee supports the purchase of the Iffley Road building as an asset of value to the community and recognises that negotiations are ongoing. There is a gap between the asking price and the money available and the City Executive Board is asked to do what it can within reasonable value for money criteria to secure the purchase of this property.	Y	Noted (£250k has been earmarked for acquisition of property).	Cllr Turner; Nigel Kennedy; Jane Lubbock	N
3. To consider the contingency available to support homelessness in light of county proposals for implementing cuts in the Supporting People and if underspends from 13/14 should be maintained within this budget.	N	Current level of contingency considered to be sufficient.	Cllr Turner; Nigel Kennedy; Jane Lubbock	N/A
Fusion Lifestyle Performance 2013-2014 - Scrutiny Committee 23 June				
Additional information requested	Agreed Y/N	Outcome	Lead Member & Officer	Implemented Y/N
Facility running costs It was agreed at the June meeting in 2013 that the running costs of the facilities would be shown including all capital investment and loan cost in the next report. This	N/A	Information papers considered by Scrutiny Committee on 2 September. Meeting offered to Chair to discuss finance investment financing.	Cllr Rowley; Lucy Cherry	Y

<p>hadn't been done.</p> <p>Performance outside of expectations Members asked how poor performance was addressed and asked to see the issues raised and the actions/penalties taken over the last year.</p> <p>Publicity Campaign An issue was raised concerning literature used to highlight the Active Women Campaign. The images used were considered to be too stereotypical and gendered. The Committee asked that this issue be taken up with Sports England who run this national campaign.</p> <p>Views of non-card users at facilities The Committee asked to see any information on the views and experiences of non-card users.</p> <p>Falling attendance amongst young people The Committee were concerned to see this and wanted some more detailed data and information to understand more fully the reasons behind it and whether it was a particular set of circumstances or a trend.</p> <p>Information excluded from the public The Committee heard a complaint from a</p>				
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<p>member of the public that the information provided outlining the running costs to the Council of each Leisure Facility should be made public because if the Council was still running these centres then the information would be available publically. The Committee heard that this was commercial information but asked that this exclusion is reconsidered by Fusion.</p> <p>Investment financing Members were interested in why the City Council financed investment spending that Fusion Lifestyle was originally required to finance, and in how much this saved the partnership.</p>				
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