

Divisions Affected - All

PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 FEBRUARY 2022

THE PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN FOR 2021/22

Report by Director of Law and Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That the Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan be noted (as set out in Appendix 1).

Executive Summary

1. This report presents the Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22. The Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22 was agreed at its meeting on 24th November 2022 for the remaining meetings of the 2021/22 municipal year, drawing on the consideration of work planning at previous meetings. The Work Plan is presented in this report for information and to provide an opportunity for the committee to clarify any items for future meetings in the annual committee cycle.

The Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for 2021/22

2. The work plans for scrutiny committees set out the issues that the scrutiny committee will consider during the year, including any scrutiny working groups (or Scrutiny Review Panels). The Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan is set out in Appendix 1.
3. Oxfordshire Council has three Overview and Scrutiny Committees and a joint health overview and scrutiny committee; – the Performance & Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny, the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Place Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The work plan for each committee is considered and agreed by the respective committees.
4. The remit of the scrutiny committees are set out in Article 7 of the Oxfordshire Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny committees. The remit of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee is:
‘Climate change, transport, highways, planning and place-based services. Including the delivery of regulatory services, fire and rescue, community safety and community services such as libraries.’
5. The committee is also the council’s statutory Crime and Disorder Committee and as such may review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, by the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership¹.

¹ The committee is the “crime and disorder committee” for the purposes of section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

6. The scrutiny committees ordinarily meet four times a year throughout the year. The number of topics identified were therefore limited and balanced to the number that can usefully be considered within the committee meeting time available across the year.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

Prem Salhan – Interim Finance Business Partner – CODR & CDAI
25th January 2022

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report.

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Annex:

Appendix 1 – The Place Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021/22.

Background papers: Report to Place OSC: Work Programme – 22 September 2021

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Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2021-2022

Agreed by the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24th November 2021.

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Agenda item
<p>Library Strategy</p> <p>To consider the emerging Libraries and Heritage strategy which will be considered at Cabinet on 21st December 2021.</p>
<p>Street Design Guide</p> <p>To consider the Oxfordshire Street Design Guide, endorsed by Cabinet on Tuesday, 21 September 2021, and consider areas for further development of the Oxfordshire Street Design Guide and other supporting policy developments.</p>
<p>Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Work Plan</p> <p>To agree the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual work plan for 2021/22 Financial year.</p>

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Agenda item
<p>Property Strategy</p> <p>To review Oxfordshire CC Property Strategy.</p>
<p>Climate Change and Carbon Reduction</p> <p>To consider the Oxfordshire County Council Climate Change and Carbon Reduction strategies.</p>
<p>The National Bus Strategy Enhanced Partnership.</p>

Wednesday 6th April 2022

Agenda item
<p>Annual Crime & Disorder Scrutiny meeting</p> <p>To consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Best Practice and how OCC compares○ Current approach and partnership working○ Community Safety Partnership○ PCC and links to Police and Crime PLAN○ Fire & Rescue Service Community Safety Plan○ Public perspective on key issues. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for reports: 25th March 2022</i></p>
<p>Fire & Rescue Service Inspection Report</p> <p>To consider the Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Inspection Report</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for reports: 25th March 2022</i></p>

Scrutiny Working Groups

In addition the Place OSC has agreed that two Scrutiny Working Groups be set up in order to undertake pre-scrutiny overview of upcoming topics and performance information. The two working groups are on:

1. Carbon Reduction Targets
2. Transport Policy Development.

The Carbon Reduction Targets Scrutiny Working Group

Membership:

The members of the Carbon Reduction Targets Scrutiny Working Group are:
Cllr Hicks,
Cllr Povolotsky.

Terms of Reference:

To provide performance overview of current targets and make suggestions for development of future targets.

The Transport Policy Development Scrutiny Working Group

Membership:

The members of the Transport Policy Development Scrutiny Working Group are:
Cllr Hicks,
Cllr Roberts,

Cllr Levy,
Cllr Baines,
Cllr Mallon.

Terms of Reference:

To provide oversight of current and emerging transport policy development and consultation.

Additional Items

In addition to the items detailed above the Committee noted the following issues for future consideration:

- Flooding
- The Future of the High Street and Retail.