



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
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Name and date of Committee	<b>ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2020</b>
Report Number	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 5</b>
Subject	<b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020</b>
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To provide the Committee with an update on its Work Programme for 2019/2020.
Annexes	<a href="#">Annex 1</a> - Approved Work Programme for 2019/2020 <a href="#">Annex 2</a> – Waste Collection Data
Recommendation	That the Committee notes the progress with regard to its 2019/2020 Work Programme, and the Waste Collection data provided.
Corporate priorities	To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme and support the Council's priorities to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy, to meet the current and future needs of residents and to provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. At the May meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2019/2020 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

## **2. MAIN POINTS**

- 2.1. Attached at [Annex I](#) is the approved Work Programme for 2019/2020 incorporating items rolled forward from last year, taking account of the discussions at the last meeting and providing an update on progress in relation to each item.
- 2.2. In addition to the items contained in the Work Programme there will still be the opportunity to bring forward one-off reports and papers on particular issues of interest to the Committee but it will also be necessary to maintain a general overview of the ways in which external agencies are responding to community concerns. The inclusion of a standing agenda item for Members' questions also provides the opportunity to raise relevant issues.
- 2.3. The Committee is invited to consider progress in respect of the agreed Work Programme for 2019/2020 which is attached in the [Annex I](#) to this report.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. None

## **5. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1. Not applicable

## **6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items within the Work Programme, there are none arising directly from this report.

## **7. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

- 7.1. In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, Committee has the power to investigate any matters it considers relevant to its work area, and to make recommendations to the Council, the Executive or any other Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council as it sees fit.

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1. None

Work Area		Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	Flood Prevention, Drainage and Sewerage Infrastructure Issues	<p>The Committee has already undertaken significant work in respect of flooding issues.</p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that a further 'Water Day' would be held in 2020. The Business Manager, Environmental Services will attend this meeting to discuss the format of the event.</p>	Ongoing	Environment O&S
2	Open Space Grass Cutting	<p>Following the County Council's reduction of funding, West Oxfordshire agreed to supplement the resultant shortfall in grass cutting.</p> <p>The Council has also been looking at options for a more coherent approach including collaborative working with town/parish councils but has found it difficult to make progress.</p>	Adjourned for the present to be revisited when resources allow.	Environment O&S
3	Implementation of Car Parking Strategy	<p>At the June 2018 meeting it was noted that the Cabinet was to give consideration to the implementation of the Car Parking Strategy and agreed that this item be added to the Work Programme.</p> <p>A report outlining the results of the consultation regarding parking in Woodstock town centre will be submitted to the Committee and Cabinet in due course.</p>	Further updates will be provided as appropriate.	Environment O&S
4	Low Carbon and Environmental Plan - Biodiversity	At the last meeting it was noted that this work would be incorporated within the report of the Climate Action Working Group submitted to the Council in January 2020.	Completed	Environment O&S
5	Environmental Regulations	<p>At its meeting held on 21 July 2016 the Committee agreed to monitor the aftermath of Brexit and the dismantling of the Department for Energy and Climate Change in relation to environmental laws and regulations and, in particular, two issues with a direct bearing on West Oxfordshire; air quality and flood alleviation measures.</p> <p>Officers would continue to maintain a watching brief and any specific risks arising from revised Regulations or Government Guidance would be drawn to Members' attention.</p>	On-going	Environment O&S

