



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Thursday 1 October 2020
Report Number	Agenda Item No. 9
Subject	Motion: Environmental Awards for Businesses
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To consider the motion referred by Council on 26 February 2020, and agree comments/recommendations back to the Council.
Annex	None
Recommendation	That the Committee considers the motion and agrees comments/recommendations to be submitted to the Council.
Corporate priorities	Not applicable.
Key Decision	N/A
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Council on 26 February 2020, the following motion was proposed and seconded by Councillors Duncan Enright and Rosa Bolger respectively:

“In light of the climate emergency, the council will encourage businesses and organisations in the district to adopt more sustainable modes of operation. The council therefore resolves to investigate methods to encourage this by audit and award schemes to recognise good practice. These will include exploring best practice by local authorities, the inclusion of environmental measures in procurement decisions, considering awards similar to environmental health audits for food outlets, and discussion with West Oxfordshire Business Awards (WOBA) about sustainability awards.”

- 1.2. The motion having been duly proposed and seconded stood referred without discussion to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment and advice.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. The Committee is accordingly invited to consider the matter, and to agree comments/recommendations for submission to the Council.

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. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 6.1. Not applicable.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1. None