



WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	<b>ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019</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
Recommendation	That the Committee notes the progress with regard to its 2019/2020 Work Programme.
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](#) 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

**ANNEX I**

	<b>Work Area</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Originator</b>
<b>1</b>	Thames Water Flood Prevention and Infrastructure Issues	<p>The Committee has already undertaken significant work in respect of flooding issues.</p> <p>Thames Water has agreed to keep the Committee updated on progress with the strategies.</p> <p>At the meetings in June and July 2018, discussion took place about representatives of Thames Water and the Environment Agency being invited to attend an event to respond to Members' concerns regarding sewage treatment infrastructure and water quality in rivers in the District.</p> <p>This took place on Thursday 4 October 2018 with a similar event held on 22 October 2019.</p>	Ongoing	Environment O&S
<b>2</b>	Open Space Grass Cutting	<p>Following the County Council's reduction of funding, West Oxfordshire had 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> <p>It was agreed that a link to the Council's mapping system would be circulated &amp; training organised if necessary.</p>	Adjourned for the present to be revisited when resources allow.	Environment O&S

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<b>3</b>	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>Consultation is currently underway in Woodstock on parking in the Town centre. This public consultation will inform an on-street Review.</p>	Further updates will be provided as appropriate.	Environment O&S
<b>4</b>	Low Carbon and Environmental Plan - Biodiversity	<p>The WODC Low Carbon and Environmental Plan was approved in February 2014.</p> <p>Biodiversity will form a key strand of the Councils work to tackle climate change and protect the environment. The Climate Change Working Group met on 25<sup>th</sup> November and focused on the Planning role in delivering against our environmental objectives. A report will be brought to Cabinet and Council in January which will highlight the steps the Council is taking and Biodiversity will be an important element of this.</p>	On-going	Environment O&S
<b>5</b>	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. A report will be brought to this Committee following Brexit to update on any implications for this Council.</p>	On-going	Environment O&S
<b>7</b>	Single Use Plastics	<p>Update report from the working party &amp; officers – Action Plan due to be submitted to Cabinet in December</p>	December 2019	Environment O&S

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<b>8</b>	Waste Collection Data	Waste Team to provide tonnage data for plastics and other waste streams e.g glass for comparison	Ongoing / Rolling item to each meeting	Environment O&S