

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Update Reports from Chairman or Nominated Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committees</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 28 July 2014
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Andrew Moulton, Head of Governance and Improvement Services

## **Report of the Community Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee met for the first time in this municipal year on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The agenda was as follows;

- A verbal update on advanced signing during recent flooding was given. (Note that this item was actually scrutinised by the Corporate Services O&S Committee.)
- The committee received the draft Older People's Housing Strategy outlining the fact that Wokingham, in common with most other local authorities, will be faced with the problems of an ageing population.
- The committee received the Management Response to the Adult Social Care Task and Finish Group and the committee was pleased to note that all the recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group had been agreed.

The next meeting of the committee will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September when an update on the Armed Forces Community Covenant, adopted last year, will be given. The committee will also consider the terms of reference and how it will approach the 2 tasks placed on it by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, these being a review of membership on outside bodies and a review of the operation of amenity vehicles in the Borough.

**David Sleight**

Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

## Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report to Overview Scrutiny Management Committee

HOSC held their first meeting in this municipal year on Monday, 14 July.

HOSC Members were informed that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee had referred several suggestions for scrutiny reviews to the Committee, namely Integration with the NHS within the context of the Better Care Fund and Implementation of the Care Act.

It was suggested that as these were such large topics, all Committee members may wish to be involved in the reviews. All members agreed that this would be sensible. Mark Ashwell expressed concern regarding possible duplication of the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and was informed that the Health and Wellbeing Board was not able to undertake the scrutiny function but Members should be mindful of work that the Board was undertaking in these areas.

Kate asked for opinions on substitutes being requested to attend all meetings in order that should they be called to substitute a member, they are able to fully participate in the meeting. All members were in agreement and it will be put to the various substitutes.

It was felt that this should be the case on all committees so to ensure substitutes learn more about the Committee on which they sit in readiness that they may become fully fledged members of the Committee in due course and comments from OSMC are sought.

Any questions, do please speak to Kate.

## Update Report on the Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

2 July 2014

This the first meeting in the new municipal year of the Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (CSOSC).

Advanced Signage During Road Flooding.

- We received a written report and a presentation.

Planning Enforcement

- Last raised during the meeting on 3 April 2014 the planning enforcement charter will be closely monitored and will be presented to a future meeting of this committee, together with details of improvements to staffing, policy and communication.

A number of items were referred from the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee. It was decided the following are to be looked at by the CSOSC:-

- Town Centre Regeneration Scheme. To be reviewed. Not to include planning/design related issues.
- Wokingham Town Car Parks Strategy and Council Car Parks Strategy. Await report.
- Commuter Parking. Referred to CSOCS for a possible review.
- How WBC learns as an organisation? Referred to CSOCS for a report/briefing.
- Decent Homes Standard. Referred to CSOCS for a briefing/review on progress.

The programme for the next meeting on 8 September 2014 to include the following:-

- Burial updates provision.
- Update on planning for the combined elections in 2015.
- To consider the work programme for 2014/15.

Glad to see further to our earlier request we are still receiving proper written reports and no verbal reports to enable members to consider the reports properly and in detail, and to enable them to formulate questions. Verbal reports should only be used in extreme emergencies.

**Cllr. Michael Firmager**

**Vice-Chairman**

**Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**16 July 2014**