

**Report by the Community Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny Committee
For the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee.**

The Community Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday 12th March 2015 when it had two items for consideration on the agenda: an update on the Community Café project in the Shutters area and our ongoing Review of Outside Bodies' Appointments.

The Head of Strategic Commissioning, Brian Grady, described the project being run by students from Addington School which operate a café in Shutters on Thursdays. This project provided business experience and builds self confidence in the students as well as providing a service in Shute End. The intention is that this will be an ongoing exercise, not a short trial. The Committee welcomed the report and asked for a further briefing on whether the project had achieved its aims next year.

The Committee was pleased to see that all members of Outside Bodies had submitted reports and these were included in the Council agenda for its meeting on 19th March 2015.

The Head of Strategic Commissioning offered further information on Outside Bodies in the form of a written report that he would produce. The Committee welcomed this further report and consequently deferred further consideration of the item to a future meeting.

The Committee wished to express its thanks to Susan Coulter, the Senior Democratic Officer, who has provided Secretariat services as she was leaving Wokingham Borough Council for other employment.

David Sleight

Chairman

12th March 2015

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