

**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ON 7 JULY 2022**

Questions received after the Agenda despatch

Tony Johnson has asked the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee the following question:

Public Question

In the O&S Work Programme, Appendix A illustrates some two dozen topics, where item 4 is “Scrutinising the underpinning priorities and KPIs for the Corporate Delivery Plan 2020/24 and the Quarterly Performance Management Reports”

How should the KPI’s and performance management reports be improved so that they are better understood and more meaningful to members of the public?

Gary Cowan has asked the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the following question:

Member Question

The Agenda makes reference to and I quote “Some Members also highlighted the Local Plan Update and Five Year Land Supply. It should be noted that, at the previous meeting, it was confirmed that the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny would scrutinise the Local Plan Update (with associated issues) at the meeting on 13-6-22 but due to its importance perhaps the OSMC may wish to take these items back if Members agree.

I notice that the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a work programme which includes an EXTRAORDINARY meeting on the 19 September 2022 headed Local Plan Update to receive a progress report on the Local Plan Update from Ian Bellenger. I now see that the meeting is on the website. Liaison with the Planners will identify the best time for O&SMC to get involved in the LPU which perhaps needs to be sooner rather than later.

I also notice that in March 2023 a Flood Risk Update is scheduled which is an annual report is 9 months away which is rather long time with Climate Emergency a key concern. I understand that it takes place in March to allow inclusion of any flooding issues over the winter period but with Climate Emergency might it be worth a mid-year review as flooding has occurred in both summer and winter.

In agreeing the work programme for the year and as it’s a new administration should the O+S Management Committee now review all the previously considered programmes such as the prioritising of the key business of which the Local Plan Update and the 5 year Housing Land Supply which must be the most important issue to all our residents.

My question is, therefore, should this be for the O&S Management Committee, as a matter of some urgency, to decide to deal with this immediately itself and not leave it to the Corporate O&S? I understand the O&S Management Committee could decide this course of action if that was considered appropriate.

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