

Agenda

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 10 November 2009
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Mezzanine Room 3, County Hall, Aylesbury

Those wishing to speak at the Overview and Scrutiny Commissioning Committee regarding any of the items below, must register by 10.00 am on Friday 6 November 2009. Please see details on how to register at the bottom of the Agenda.

The Committee will not consider anyone wishing to address the meeting, unless the request to speak has been received by 10.00am on the Friday preceding this Committee meeting.

Agenda Item	Time	Page No
1 APOLOGIES/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP	10:00am	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any personal and prejudicial interest		
3 MINUTES of the meetings held on: 6 October 2009 20 October 2009		1 - 22
4 PUBLIC PLATFORM Members of the public have the opportunity to put their point of view to the committee about matters on its agenda. Each person will have a maximum of four minutes to put forward their views and comments on those items they wish to address. There will be an overall time limit of sixteen minutes. The Chairman will be expected to respond within 7 working days detailing any course of action resulting from the representation.		
5 COUNCILLOR CALLS FOR ACTION		



6 **CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS/FORWARD PLAN**

7 **CALL-INS**

8 **BUS CONSULTATION**

10:20am

Contributors

Val Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transportation

Purpose

To provide a paper and answer members' questions in relation to how the county council consults on changes in bus routes, how bus contracts function and how this work fits in with the locality strategy.

Context

A Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) was raised at the commissioning committee meeting of 6 October in relation to bus route 459, Iver to Uxbridge. During discussions with the Cabinet Member for Transport members of the committee indicated that they had concerns about the process the county council uses to consult with the public and stakeholders when changes in bus routes are proposed.

9 **FUTURE DIRECTION OF COUNTRY PARKS AND GREEN SPACES**

11:05am

23 - 48

Contributors

Graham Winwright, Head of Planning, Environment and Development

Mike Woods, Group Manager, Countryside and Heritage

Purpose

To receive an information report explaining the Cabinet decision, project objectives, opportunities for member engagement and the project timetable and milestones. This will allow members to consider at what stage(s) they would like to consider the project in the future to provide input and further democratic accountability.

Context

At the 6 October committee a discussion was held on the forward plan and Cabinet Member decisions. As part of these discussions a member requested that the issue of the Future Direction of Country Parks & Green Spaces was brought to committee for further scrutiny.

Paper

- An investigation into alternative means of managing country parks and green spaces
- List of countryside sites for review
- Map of Buckinghamshire Country Parks and Green Spaces
- Draft programme board
- Approved Communications Strategy

Contributors

All

Purpose

To receive, for information and comment, the draft scoping documents for the Task and Finish Group projects into Safeguarding Practices in Client Transport and the Examination of the Budget in Public.

Additionally the task and finish group work programme has also been included for your information.

Context

During work programme discussions at the 6 October meeting a member of the committee proposed the topic of Safeguarding Practices within Client Transport. At the 20 October meeting of the committee it was agreed that this piece of work would be taken forward and a scoping document brought to the November meeting of the committee.

The annual examination of the budget in public was previously undertaken by the former Performance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As this committee has now been decommissioned the commissioning committee as part of its terms of reference have responsibility for leading on this piece of work.

Paper

- Draft Scoping Document- Safeguarding Practices within Client Transport
- Draft Scoping Document- Examination of the Budget in Public
- Draft Task and Finish Group work programme

Contributors

Frank Downes, Cabinet Member for Resources

Purpose

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Context

During the scrutiny of Budget proposals for 2008/09 the former Performance & Resources (P&R) Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) identified that there were significant risks associated with the delivery of the county council capital programme. In April 2008 the P&R OSC set up a Task & Finish Group (T&FG) to evaluate the current BCC capital receipts programme. The final report was presented to Cabinet November 2009, all recommendations were accepted.

Paper

- Capital Receipts in Buckinghamshire County Council
- Property Disposals

12 STATUTORY/MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY SERVICES REVIEW - PHASE 1 12:20pm

Contributors

All

Purpose

To receive, for information and comment, the draft report from Phase 1 of the Statutory/Mandatory and Discretionary Services Review.

Context

At its initial meeting, the OSCC agreed to undertake a review into statutory/mandatory and discretionary services at Buckinghamshire County Council. Members agreed to carry out the review in two stages. Phase 1 has involved an information gathering exercise where four Working Groups, made of members of the OSCC, have interviewed Heads of Service to determine minimum levels of service provision and to identify other, discretionary activities. Members are asked to consider the draft report resulting from Phase 1 of the review.

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve to exclude the press and public as the following item is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (Item 14, Item 15 and Item 16).

AND

To resolve to exclude the press and public as the following item is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Item 16).

14 CAPITAL RECEIPTS - EVALUATION OF PROGRESS - CONFIDENTIAL

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Papers

- Confidential- Annex A
- Confidential- Annex B

15 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2009** **63 - 70**

16 **STATUTORY/MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY SERVICES REVIEW - PHASE 1 - CONFIDENTIAL** **12:10pm**
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17 **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting is 8 December 2009 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 3, County Hall, Aylesbury

Members of the public wishing to speak at the Overview and Scrutiny Commissioning Committee should apply by contacting Democratic Services on 01296 383604/01296 382614.

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