

# AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee  
**Place:** Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Tuesday 24 May 2016  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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## Membership:

Cllr Glenis Ansell	Cllr Gordon King
Cllr Chuck Berry	Cllr Simon Killane
Cllr Christine Crisp	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Stewart Dobson	Cllr Stephen Oldrieve
Cllr Howard Greenman	Cllr Tony Trotman
Cllr Alan Hill	Cllr John Walsh
Cllr Jon Hubbard	Cllr Bridget Wayman
Cllr George Jeans	

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## Substitutes:

Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Mark Packard
Cllr Peter Edge	Cllr Ricky Rogers
Cllr George Jeans	Cllr James Sheppard
Cllr David Jenkins	Cllr Ian Thorn
Cllr Paul Oatway	Cllr Philip Whalley

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1        **Election of Chairman 2016/17**

To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year.

2        **Election of Vice-Chairman 2016/17**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

3        **Membership and Apologies**

To note any changes of membership following the Council meeting on 10 May 2016.

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

4        **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 9 - 14*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2016.

5        **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

6        **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

7        **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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Questions

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contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

8 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 15 - 36*)

To receive updates from the Chairmen and/or Vice-Chairmen of the Select Committees in respect of the topics under scrutiny in their areas, including any recommendations for endorsement by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee is asked to endorse the reports of the Chairmen of the Select Committee and the updated work programme.

9 **Management Committee Task Group Updates** (*Pages 37 - 40*)

To receive any available verbal or written updates on the following Management Committee Task Groups:

- Financial Planning Task Group
- Military-Civilian Integration Task Group
- Local Enterprise Partnership Task Group

10 **Review of the Budget Scrutiny Process** (*Pages 41 - 44*)

To consider a report from the Financial Planning Task Group following its meeting on 26 April, presenting its evaluation of the budget scrutiny process and recommendations for 2017/18 as appropriate.

11 **Appointment to the Constitution Focus Group** (*Pages 45 - 46*)

The Committee is requested to appoint a representative of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to the Constitution Focus Group, in accordance with its terms of reference.

12 **Motion No. 31 - Referral from Full Council - Academisation** (*Pages 47 - 50*)

On 10 May 2016 Council received a Motion from Councillors Jon Hubbard and Glenis Ansell entitled 'Forced Academisation of Schools'. As a result of recent announcements from central government on planned academisation, the motion was replaced with the following referral:

*To refer the motion to Scrutiny, to suggest a working group investigate with the executive on options for Wiltshire Council to explore what routes are available to continue to support schools, such as county wide multi academy trusts or other*

*options.*

The original motion as submitted is attached for information.

The Management Committee are asked to endorse the referred motion and refer to the Children's Select Committee for further discussion and scoping.

### 13 **Members' Briefing on Hydrocarbon Extraction**

In February 2016 Full Council considered a motion on the hydrocarbon extraction process known as Fracking, following the granting of Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences (PEDL) in the county. Following discussion of an officer response to the original motion and an amendment of the motion to request scrutiny involvement, Council resolved:

*...that Scrutiny establish a task group to help councillors better understand the general implications of possible hydrocarbon exploration and extraction in the county. This will enable members on relevant planning committees to be better briefed on such matters*

On 1 March 2016 the Committee discussed the referral and request, with input from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, and Corporate Director, Dr Carlton Brand. A record of the discussions are included in the meeting minutes included in this agenda. Ultimately it was resolved that,

*The Committee requests officers undertake an investigation into hydrocarbon extraction as detailed above, to include technical explanations of the process, current national policy, and the process of decision making, in particular what functions are devolved to local authorities or retained at a national level, and what policies are in place in Wiltshire Council in relation to these issues.*

A presentation will be provided on the current progression of the officer investigation and to seek the Committee's views to shape the form of the report to be presented in draft at the July meeting, or as agreed with the committee.

### 14 **Wiltshire Online Project Update**

To receive a presentation on the rollout of the Wiltshire Online Project, including:

- the process of closing down phase 1
- the numbers of high-speed broadband connections delivered to date
- progress with delivery of phase 2 and Ultrafast, and
- details of the other options for community access broadband.

The Committee last received an update on the project in July 2015

Cllr John Thomson, Cabinet Member for Broadband, and Cllr George Jeans, Overview and Scrutiny representative on the Wiltshire Online Project Board, will attend.

15 **My Wiltshire System Update**

To receive a presentation on the further development of the My Wiltshire system ahead of the wider digitalisation programme.

On 3 May 2016 the Chairman and Vice-chairman took part in a workshop looking at member accessibility to issues data from customer reports via the My Wiltshire system.

Ian Baker, Head of the Programme Office, and Steven Richardson, Business Analyst will be in attendance

16 **Scrutiny Councillors Learning and Development Programme Update**

On 2 March 2016 a learning and development workshop was held for OS members looking at 'Role Clarity' as part of the 4-year OS Learning and Development Programme.

This session was agreed following the finding of the LGA Peer Review (March 2015) that relationships between Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive were good, but there could be even greater clarity of the interface and partnership. The seminar therefore brought together OS members, the Executive and senior managers to explore the activity of OS in the Council and provide greater role clarity. Objectives for the session were:

Participants were asked to consider their experiences of Overview and Scrutiny and consider ways in which all parts of Wiltshire work effectively on OS. Discussions included the following key points:

The importance and value off:

- Succinct terms of reference for task groups
- All viewpoints being respected
- Early engagement from the executive on forthcoming changes and decisions
- Regular liaison between the executive and non-executive
- An executive/non-executive relationship based on trust, including respect for confidential information

Work is currently underway on further sessions for the 2016/17 OS learning and development programme.

17 **Overview and Scrutiny Member Remuneration 2015/16** *(Pages 51 - 54)*

To report on the application of the Overview and Scrutiny Remuneration scheme for 2015/16.

18 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting as 5 July 2016.

19 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

**PART II**

**Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.**