

Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

1 March 2016

Management Committee Task Groups

Financial Planning Task Group

The task group's next meeting is scheduled for 26 April and will include the following agenda items:

- a) Revenue budget monitoring
- b) Capital budget monitoring
- c) Adult Social Care Operations budget 2016/17 (tbc)
- d) Budget setting process 2016/17 – evaluation
- e) Discussion of the Forward Work Programme for 2016/17

For d) members of the Management Committee are invited to comment on the 2016/17 budget scrutiny process recently concluded including suggestions for development in future years. The task group will then discuss these and bring findings and recommendations back to the Committee at its next meeting.

To remind members of the budget scrutiny process followed for 2016/17:

28 Jan	Financial Planning Task Group
2 Feb	Members budget briefing
3 Feb	OS Management Committee – draft Financial Plan 2016/17
9 Feb	Cabinet – approval of draft Financial Plan 2016/17
12 Feb	OS Management Committee – Opposition group budget proposals
24 Feb	Full Council – adoption of final budget

The reports of the Committee's meetings held on 3 and 12 February are attached with the minutes.

Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Joint Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Christine Crisp
Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Packard

Cllr Oliver Donachie (SBC)
Cllr Kevin Parry (SBC)
Cllr Jim Robbins (SBC)
Cllr Des Moffatt (SBC)

Terms of reference:

The Joint Task Group will:-

1. Develop an overview and scrutiny framework and operational protocols which meet the requirements of democratic accountability for the use of public funds by a partnership body which is led by the business community under a mandate from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.
2. Whilst developing the framework, the Task Group will carry out trial activities to scrutinise the outcomes and work of the SWLEP. In fulfilling this role the task group will:-
 - a) Perform all overview and scrutiny functions on behalf of both Councils in respect of the SWLEP and JSEC
 - b) Appoint such sub-groups as it consider appropriate to fulfil those functions.
 - c) Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge or any of the SWLEP and JSEC functions.
 - d) Make reports and recommendations to the Councils relevant partner in connection with the discharge of any functions.
 - e) Approve a forward work programme, including the programme of any sub-groups it appoints so as to ensure that the Task Group and sub-groups' time is effectively and efficiently utilised.
 - f) Foster and encourage an inclusive, structured, non-partisan and non-adversarial approach to overview and scrutiny which is reliant on evidence rather than anecdote.

Membership:

As noted at the committee meeting on 3 November 2015 Councillor Simon Killane is no longer a member of the Task Group and a replacement was sought in the usual way from an expression of interest notification to all non-executive councillors.

The committee is invited to endorse the appointment of Cllr Anna Cuthbert.

Recent activity:

The Swindon and Wiltshire LEP Joint Task Group had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9 February, unfortunately due to lower than expected attendance an additional meeting is being arranged for 12 or 14 April 2016 where the task group will consider board membership, recruitment and succession planning against comparative LEPs.

Future activity:

The task group has also identified a number of topics it wishes to consider at future meetings, including:

- how the framework, for how the LEP prioritises its schemes, was derived;
- how these schemes are then prioritised by central government;
- framework in place to monitor the implementation of projects;

- framework in place to monitor the outcomes of the work delivered compared to the expected outcomes.

A further verbal update will be provided at the meeting.