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AGENDA

Meeting: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Place: County Hall, Trowbridge

Committee Room: Committee Room V

Date: Thursday 15 January 2009

Time: 10.30 am

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All the reports referred to on this agenda are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council.htm

Members are also reminded to personally review the Council's Forward Work Plan and Cabinet minutes as part of Scrutiny's responsibilities to hold the Executive to public account. These are circulated regularly and available on the website.

Any member of the Committee or any five members of the Council can request an item on the agenda of the Committee using the appropriate form available on the website or from the scrutiny officers.

Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Chairman and Vice Chairman	January	10.00am	Scrutiny Room

Membership:

Mr P Davis	Mr JB Osborn (Chairman)
Mr AN Deane	Dr JM English
Mrs ME Groom	Mrs JH Rooke
Mr A Molland (Vice-Chairman)	Mr BE Dalton
Mrs P Rugg	Mr E Clark
Mr AJ Trotman	Mr RT Rogers
Mr R While	

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Membership**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2008 (copies circulated herewith).
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
5. **Members' Interests** To remind members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee at the relevant time.
6. **Public Participation** The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 13 January. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.
7. **Real Time Passenger Information System – Update**

A report by the Director of Environmental Services is circulated.

The Committee has been monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of this system for some time. More recently this work has been undertaken outside of the meeting by Jeff Osborn, Tony Molland and Terry Chivers following public concern over reliability.

The Committee is asked to note the latest position and that a further report be submitted at the completion of Stage 2 of the Improvement Plan (May 2009).
8. **Development of the Network Management Plan for Wiltshire**

A report by the Director of Environmental Services is circulated.

The Committee asked for this report during its consideration of the implementation of the provisions of the Traffic Management Act in June last year.

The Team Leader, Transport Policy will give a presentation to members.
9. **Transport Accessibility to Health Services**

The Health Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 20 November has recommended the Management Committee to undertake a review of

transport accessibility to health services following work done by its Reforming Community Services Task Group. This issue was particularly highlighted during consideration of the petition from Melksham residents about having to travel to either Chippenham or Trowbridge for MIU services.

The Health Scrutiny Committee had considered a report from its Pathways for Change Task Group in March 2007 (the forerunner to the current task group) in which transport was highlighted – see extract circulated herewith. The Local Transport Plan (LTP) and recent LTP progress report comment on the lack of meaningful progress with the PCT on this aspect.

In supporting the work and findings of the Reforming Community Services Task Group, the PCT have confirmed their wish to work constructively with the Council on this matter.

The Management Committee is asked to consider the recommendation of the Health Scrutiny Committee and, if supported, determine how it wishes to proceed, possibly with a rapid scrutiny exercise in the first instance.

10. Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements in the Interregnum Period

A report by the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services is circulated. This was considered by JOSTB on 21 November which agreed the third option set out in paragraph 10 for recommendation to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee is asked to approve the recommendation as the most appropriate way forward subject to submission of revised terms of reference to the next meeting.

11. Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements for One Council Transition

Since the last report, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board (JOSTB) has met on 21 November and 19 December. The JOSTB papers are circulated to Management Committee members, posted on the web and the minutes reported to full Council.

In addition to holding the IE to account through the receipt of the Towards One Council Progress report and its minutes, the main focus has been through the work of the Joint Board's task groups reviewing the following priority transition areas:

Development Control – WWDC (completed)

Waste – WCC

Housing – WCC

Community Area Boards – WCC

Customer Access – NWDC

Recent activity has included closer scrutiny of the Critical Path and Day One Plans, the establishment of transformational priorities, update on Leisure Services, rapid scrutiny of Electoral Services and Members Support, OS arrangements in the interregnum period (see previous item), and benefit realisation in service areas.

The Board has also developed proposals for overview and scrutiny arrangements for the new council with the support of a LG consultant and these are currently out for consultation (see recent e-mail to all members of the 5 councils, corporate and service directors).

The Management Committee is asked to note progress on scrutiny of the transition to One Council.

12. **Work Programme**

- (1) A copy of the latest version of the Management Committee's work programme is attached. The Committee is asked to consider its current work programme and agree any alterations it wishes to make, bearing in mind any decisions taken earlier in the meeting. It will also need to consider the impact of joint overview and scrutiny of transition to One Council on capacity and resources.
- (2) Accommodation Strategy for Older People This will now be conducted as a rapid scrutiny exercise in conjunction with JOSTB's Housing Task Group.
- (3) FOCUS Project An update was due in October following the rapid scrutiny exercise on 19 June. This has been delayed due to the need for more extensive staff consultation and will now be held later in January.
- (4) For information the following scrutiny activities under the direction of the Management Committee are taking place (Change Management having now been realigned under JOSTB):

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Task Groups	Performance	Mr Newbury (Ch) Mr Osborn Mrs Soden Mrs Taylor Mr While	Nov 02	19 Feb	Standing
	Budget	Mr Molland (Ch) Mr Fuller Mr Coleman Mr Rogers Mr Moss Mr Osborn	Sept 01	18 Feb	Standing

13. Urgent Items

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

None