



Recommendations and updates from other committees to Cabinet on 2 February 2023

Climate and Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee

The committee met on 16 January to discuss several matters:

- **updates from the Cabinet member, the Environment Advisory Group (part of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership) and an update on the Environment Act 2021**, the detail of these updates is set out in the minutes of the committee's meeting published on the council's website.
- **improvements to the council's website pages** on the climate and ecological emergencies
- **training** on the climate and ecological emergencies – although aimed at staff, the committee considered that this training should be open to members also
- the **Climate Action Plan performance report** from quarter 2, 2022/23 was noted.
- **options to retro-fit homes** - the committee identified some quick wins, some ideas where more research was required, and some ideas that would involve work with other partners.

There were no recommendations to Cabinet.

Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 26 January to discuss:

- the **Revenue budget 2023/24 and Capital Programme to 2027/28**. The committee received a briefing on the draft budget and asked questions to head of finance and Cabinet members. The committee recommended that officers consult the council's Legal team regarding the potential to enter into a contract with Vale of White Horse District Council, in relation to new South Oxfordshire based capital projects, where South Oxfordshire has agreement with the Vale to part fund projects which are of benefit for both districts.
- The committee also had a discussion on a line item in the **confidential appendix** and after an explanation of its meaning, the committee made a recommendation to officers to review the line item's description to make it clearer.

Joint Audit and Governance Committee

The committee had met on 31 January to discuss:

- the **Treasury Management Mid-Year Monitoring report for 2022/23**. The committee noted the report and advised Cabinet that it was satisfied that the treasury activities have been carried out in accordance with the treasury management strategy and policy.
- the **Treasury Strategy for 2023/24**. The committee has recommended that Cabinet should recommend Council to approve the treasury management

strategy, the prudential indicators, and the annual investment strategy and lending criteria.

- the regular **Internal Audit monitoring reports**, the half-yearly review of **Health and Safety**, and the annual **Comments and Complaints** report. No recommendations were made to Cabinet on these monitoring reports.

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