

O&S COMMUNICATIONS PLAN UPDATE

Executive Summary

The webpage and contents have been designed and will be made live in due course. The text of the webpage may be viewed below:

“Purpose of the Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is part of the mechanism by which the Council’s decisions are monitored and publicly reviewed by elected Members not involved in decision-making. It is an essential aspect of the democratic process and effective functioning of the Council.

The Committee performs its role across three aspects:

- Holding the Executive to account
 - Review of Council performance.
 - Questioning the Leader, the Executive and Portfolio Holders on issues, strategies, and decisions that they may take.
 - Use of ‘call-in’ which allows the Committee to review recently made decisions taken by the Leader, the Executive, Portfolio Holders, or Officers under Delegated Authority.
- Policy review and development:
 - As policies and strategies are developed, the Committee can review their direction and how they will impact and benefit the Borough.
 - The Committee may also choose to review already active policies to consider their effectiveness.
- Involving those that live, work or study in the Borough:
 - Members consider issues that may impact those in the Borough.
 - The Committee will consider suggestions for review from those that live, work or study in the Borough.
 - The Committee will seek to ensure that the Council and its partners are providing the services and standards expected by local people.
 - A group of Councillors may submit a ‘Call for Action’ to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review significant issues affecting areas or the Borough as a whole. The Call for Action must meet certain criteria, which may be viewed in the Council’s Constitution.

Work of the Committee

The Committee scrutinises many varied topics throughout the year. A summary of the work of the Committee during the 2022-23 may be viewed here.

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The Work Programme, that sets out the upcoming topics at meetings, may be viewed here.

[How to Get involved](#)

Members of the public may watch meetings of the Committee in person or online. Those that live, work or study in the Borough may also submit Scrutiny Topic Review Selection Requests to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider.

If you would like to submit a Scrutiny Topic Request please email Toby Nash at member.services@woking.gov.uk

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That

the report be noted

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

Background Papers:	None.
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