

Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3rd April 2014

The Forward Plan lists the reports expected to come to Cabinet in the next 3 or 4 months. This note supplements that with other issues that may be of interest to O&S.

Car Parking

CBC have run a scheme of free parking in all car parks for afternoons from 10th – 14th March to coincide with Cheltenham Race Festival. This was in response to local retailers opinion that schemes at quiet times like this would be more helpful than something similar on 'Small Business Saturday' (7th Dec 2013) which was already very busy. Initial feedback is positive but more work will be done to review this and decide what to do next.

Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy

Cabinet has now decided to extend the previous consultation for another 12 weeks to get more input on the issue of numbers of venues. So as requested at the last meeting, O&S can be involved if it wishes although the Licencing Committee will be consulted in any case.

Living Wage

Further to the Cabinet support for CBC adopting the Living Wage mentioned in the budget debate, a report on options to implement this will be discussed at the Appointments Committee on 7th April.

Town Hall

A presentation of the report on options for major redevelopment at the Town Hall will be made to stakeholders including members on 6th May.