Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 8th September 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.

CBH

While the revised company articles including the new board structure are due to go to 16th Sept Cabinet, the new management agreement is now likely to come to Cabinet in December. Members had an opportunity to hear details of the consultation feedback at the 3rd Sept seminar. O&S may wish to consider whether a joint scrutiny of the new management agreement with the tenant scrutiny group would be useful.

Ubico

A report proposing revised company articles to prepare for more partners joining is going to 16th Sept Cabinet. One change being proposed by the Ubico board is to replace the member observer on the board with an enhanced process of briefing on company issues. In fact this doesn't form part of the company articles but was an informal arrangement between the founder shareholders although Cotswold has not taken up the option. The board is concerned that extending this to new partners could become impractical but this may be something O&S has a view on.

2020 Vision

Following an interview process involving the 4 partner councils, Activist have been appointed to advise on the next stage of the project. Eric Bohl will be lead consultant (having previously worked with CBC on developing the commissioning process) and the role will include consultation with members. The 2020 Vision Programme Board is proposing that a Cross Party Member Advisory Group should be set up with up to 3 members from each council. More details should be available by the time of the O&S meeting.