

Outstanding actions from Overview and Scrutiny – January 2020

<b>ACTION NUMBER</b>  <b>MEETING DATE</b>  <b>MINUTE NUMBER</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION</b>	<b>UPDATE</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
<b>ACTION 1</b>  <b>13/01/2020</b>  <b>N/A</b>	Councillor Miscandlon asked that officers consider the format and length of future reports coming to Overview & Scrutiny Panel to ensure the reports are concise and succinct	Officers will try and ensure future reports are as concise and succinct as possible whilst recognising that some topics require a more technical and sometimes lengthy explanation.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>ACTION 2</b>  <b>13/01/2020</b>  <b>OSC31/19</b>	Members highlighted the statistic provided in relation to Grade 1 Agricultural land in Fenland and asked for clarification on this.	The statistic shown on page 29 of the agenda pack should read; 50% of the UK's Grade 1 Agricultural Land is in the Fens'.	<b>COMPLETED</b>
<b>ACTION 3</b>  <b>13/01/2020</b>  <b>OSC32/19</b>	Councillor Cornwell asked for confirmation that non domestic premises are subject to Internal Drainage Board Levies	IDB's raise money primarily from a rate levied directly on agricultural properties and a special levy, payable by the local district council, in respect of all other types of property. There is no separate rate/levy payable by business ratepayers. The special levy payable by this Council is funded from a combination of Council Tax and retained Business Rates. The amount of business rates retained by this Council is determined by the government's calculation of our business rates baseline which is their assessment of how much we	<b>COMPLETED</b>

		<p>need to fund the services we provide, taking into account an assumed level of Council Tax. One of the services included within this assessment is Flood Defence (including IDB levies). However, it is impossible to calculate how much of our business rates baseline funding includes an element for IDB levies. Therefore, the IDB levies will be partly funded from Council Tax and partly funded by Business Rates.</p>	
<p><b>ACTION 4</b> <b>13/01/2020</b> <b>OSC33/19</b></p>	<p>Councillor Skoulding asked for further information on the scheduling of burials in the district.</p>	<p>FDC are able to schedule 2 burials per day in partnership with our contractor Tivoli. Burials are limited so that the grave digger is able to cover burials successfully and respectfully especially if that are geographically separated. Officers are looking in to the comments made at the meeting and a more detailed briefing note will be circulated shortly.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>