

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Monday 1 April 2019
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 11 (i)</i>
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Title of Report	Report on Peer Review OCC 21 st March 2019
Summary	<p>Parish and Town Councils had been invited to attend a Peer Review of OCC . Approx. 14 Parish and Town Councils were represented.</p> <p>The main discussion items raised included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the use of “fix my street Champions” where these had been trained it was viewed as a positive move by OCC. - The loss of rural school transport was viewed with disfavour by those affected. - The availability of information on S106 funds was raised, reflecting that it was essential that a positive relationships be established between Clerks and OCC Officers. - A fair amount of negativity regarding Councils experience of interaction / communication with OCC Councillors and Officers. - Some felt that their OCC Councillors were exceptionally helpful, whilst others viewed the OCC Councillors who circulated the standard report with little or no relevant local detail were not being supportive. - Some expressed the view that there was too much information sent out, sometimes with very little time to digest and discuss it effectively. - A concern that the present system with the unelected Growth Board, JSSP and Oxfordshire 2050 implied the general travel was towards a Unitary Authority. - The general consensus was that the Parish and Town Councils felt that they were not truly listened too. - Consultation appeared to be a “tick box” exercise. - The move to Parish/Town Council Liaison meetings felt to be useful by those who attended them but did not see value in rolling them up with District Liaison meetings. - Informal feedback would be on the 22nd March and a full report later, possibly mid-April.
Recommendation	None at present
Reasons for the Recommendation	N/A
Impact on Budget	N/A
Risks	
Loss of school transport for the rural areas Background	
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	