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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

You are summoned to a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will be held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 7 February 2024 at 5.30 pm.**



Giles Hughes  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chair), Rizvana Poole (Vice-Chair), Thomas Ashby, Hugo Ashton, David Cooper, Julian Cooper, Rachel Crouch, Jane Doughty, Phil Godfrey, Andy Goodwin, Natalie King, Nick Leverton, Andrew Lyon, Michele Mead, David Melvin, Mathew Parkinson, Carl Rylett, Sandra Simpson, Ruth Smith, Harry St John, Alistair Wray, Liam Walker, Mark Walker and Alex Wilson

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# AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**  
To receive any apologies for absence and to note any temporary appointments.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings (Pages 5 - 12)**  
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 18 December 2023 & 10 January 2024.
4. **Participation of the Public**  
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, anyone who lives in the district or who pays council tax or business rates to the Council is eligible to read a statement or express an opinion at this meeting. You can register to speak by sending your written submission of no more than 750 words to [democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk), by no later than 10.00am on the working day before the meeting.
5. **Community Safety Partnership (Pages 13 - 48)**  
Purpose  
For the Committee to scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024. In doing so the Committee will fulfil its responsibilities under The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.  
Recommendation  
That the Committee scrutinises the plan and agrees any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Council's Executive.  
Invited  
Councillor Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare  
Emmylou Brossard, Safer Communities Officer
- 5.1 **Safer Streets**  
Purpose  
To provide the Committee with an update on the Safer Streets project. Information is contained within the Community Safety Partnership Plan.  
Recommendation  
That the Committee scrutinises the Safer Streets project update and agrees any recommendations it wishes to make to the Executive.  
Invited  
Councillor Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare  
Emmylou Brossard, Safer Communities Officer
6. **Nature Recovery Plan and Nature Recovery Officer (Pages 49 - 112)**  
Purpose  
The Committee agreed to include this Executive report on the agenda for pre-decision

scrutiny (the item was previously titled “Biodiversity Action Plan”).

Recommendation

That the Committee scrutinises the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to make to the Executive on 14 February 2024.

Invited

Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Change  
Hannah Kenyon, Climate Change Manager  
Rachel Crookes, Biodiversity & Countryside Land Management Officer

7. **Annual Monitoring Report (2021 – 2023) (Pages 113 - 192)**

Purpose

The Annual Monitoring Report (2021-2023) was presented to the Executive on 17 January 2023 and noted by the Executive. The Committee agreed that this item should be included on the agenda.

Recommendation

That the Committee scrutinises the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to make to the Executive.

Invited

Councillor Charlie Maynard, Executive Member for Planning and Sustainable Development  
Chris Hargraves, Planning Policy Manager

8. **Report back on recommendations (Pages 193 - 194)**

To note the Executive’s response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations.

9. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 195 - 198)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to review and comment on its work plan.

Recommendation:

That the Committee resolves to:

1. Appoint Councillors Julian Cooper, Phil Godfrey and Sandra Simpson to the Leisure Strategy Task and Finish Group (joining Councillors Andrew Beaney, Rizvana Poole and Alex Wilson).
2. Agree the terms of reference for the Leisure Strategy Task and Finish Group (to be circulated separately).

10. **Executive Forward Plan (Pages 199 - 206)**

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to review the Executive Forward Plan.

Recommendation:

That the Committee agrees whether any items on the Executive Forward Plan should be subject to pre-decision scrutiny and, if so, the priority order of those items.

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