

Tuesday, 27 May 2025

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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 Room 1, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxfordshire OX28 1NB on **Wednesday, 4 June 2025 at 5.30 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chair), Genny Early (Vice-Chair), Adam Clements, Steve Cosier, Natalie King, Liz Leffman, Nick Leverton, Dan Levy, Paul Marsh, Stuart McCarroll, Michele Mead, Ruth Smith, Alistair Wray, Mark Walker and Alex Wilson

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As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Democratic Services officers know prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
To receive any apologies for absence and temporary appointments. The quorum for the Committee is four members.
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 Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held 21 May 2025.
4. **Chair's announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
5. **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 by no later than 10.00am on the working day before the meeting.
6. **Report back on recommendations**
For the Committee to note the Executive's response to any recommendations arising from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.
7. **2024/25 Quarterly Service Review Q4 (Pages 9 - 64)**
Purpose
To provide details of the Council's operational performance at the end of 2024-25 Quarter Four (Q4). This report will be presented to the Executive on 11 June 2025.

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 1. Note the report and agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive.
8. **West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2041 (Pages 65 - 372)**
Purpose
To consider the Local Plan 2041 Preferred Policy Options Consultation Paper which is proposed to be published for consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This item will be considered by the Executive on 11 June 2025.

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 1. Note the report and agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive.

9. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 373 - 380)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to review and note its work programme.

Recommendation:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:

- I. Note and comment on the work plan.

10. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 381 - 392)**

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to comment on the Executive Work Programme and select Executive reports for pre-decision scrutiny at future Committee meetings.

Recommendation:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:

- I. Note the report and agree any additional items it wishes to add to its work plan for pre-decision scrutiny.

11. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

If the Committee wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **Knights Court Business Case (Pages 393 - 400)**

Purpose

To agree the next steps regarding a council owned asset that is under review. This report will be presented to the Executive on 11 June 2025.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:

- I. Note the report and agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Executive.

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