

Tuesday, 7 October 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, 15 October 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, Mark Walker, Alex Wilson and Alistair Wray

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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 - 14)**
To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 3 September 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 [Public Participation Rules](#).

The deadline for submissions is 2.00pm, two clear working days before the meeting.

6. **Report back on recommendations (Pages 15 - 18)**
For Overview and Scrutiny Committee to:
 1. Note the Executive's response to the recommendations on the Local Area Energy Planning;
 2. Agree the recommendations on the Youth Development item, amending them as necessary.
7. **Updates from Task and Finish Groups**
For the Chairs of Task and Finish Groups to provide any verbal or written progress updates..
8. **Local Plan Spatial Options (Pages 19 - 328)**
Purpose
Pre-decision scrutiny of the Executive report. The Local Plan Preferred Spatial Options Consultation Paper is proposed to be published for consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Recommendations

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 329 - 334)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to review and note its work programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and comments on the work programme.

10. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 335 - 344)**

Purpose:

To give the Committee the opportunity to comment on the Executive Work Programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee agrees which items on the Executive Work Programme should be subject to pre-decision scrutiny and the priority order of those items.

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