



Thursday, 18 December 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, 7 January 2026 at 5.30 pm.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Giles Hughes".

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 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held 10 December 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 11 - 12)**
For the Committee to note the Executive's response to any recommendations arising from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.
7. **Updates from Task and Finish Groups**
For the Chairs of Task and Finish Groups to provide any verbal or written progress updates.
8. **Motion A Protecting Fire Services in West Oxfordshire - Referred from Council 3 December (Pages 13 - 150)**
Purpose
For the Committee to consider the motion referred to the Committee by Council on 3 December 2025 and agree the Council's response to it. Included are the wording of the Council motion and a number of Oxfordshire County Council's consultation documents.

Invited
Councillor Jenny Hannaby, Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Safety; and
Rob MacDougall, Chief Fire Officer and Director of Community Safety.
9. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 151 - 158)**
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.

10. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 159 - 164)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to review and note its work programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and comments on the work programme.

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