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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, 2 September 2026 at 5.30 pm.**



Phil Martin
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors: Andrew Beaney (Chair), Genny Early (Vice-Chair), Adam Clements, Steve Cosier, Rachel Crouch, Sarah Evans, Liam Mackenzie, Stuart McCarroll, Paul Marsh, Hannah Massie, Michele Mead, David Melvin, Carl Rylett, Simon Watson and Alex Wilson

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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 - 12)**
To approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 July.
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 13 - 16)**
For the Committee to note the Executive's response to any recommendations arising from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.
7. **Leisure Update**
Purpose
To receive a verbal update from GLL, the Council's leisure provider.
8. **Quarter One Financial Performance Report (Pages 17 - 30)**
Purpose
To detail the Council's financial performance for Quarter One 2026-2027

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 - I. Note the report and agree any recommendations to the Executive.
9. **Quarter One Service Performance Report (Pages 31 - 78)**
Purpose
To provide details of the Council's operational performance at the end of 2026-27 Quarter One (Q1).

Recommendation
That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
 - I. Note the report and agree any recommendations to the Executive.

10. **Referred from Council: Motion C: Ending the "Double Taxation" of Managed Housing Estates; Proposed by Cllr Thomas Ashby, seconded by Cllr Liam MacKenzie (Pages 79 - 80)**

Purpose and Background

For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider a motion that was referred to it by Full Council.

Prior to the motion being submitted to Full Council, the Committee had agreed to include this topic on its work plan as a potential task and finish group. This would create an evidence base for the whole Committee to consider at a later meeting.

The motion was referred to the Committee by Full Council due to the Committee's ability to look at the topic in more detail. Therefore the original approach is still considered appropriate.

Recommendations

For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the motion, including issues raised within, and resolve to;

1. Agree to establish a Task and Finish group (to act as the cross-party working group referred to in the motion) and for the motion to form part of its terms of reference;
2. Appoint a lead member (who must be a committee member) to work with officers to develop the terms of reference and report back to a future meeting.

11. **Updates from Task and Finish Groups**

For the Chairs of Task and Finish Groups to provide any verbal or written progress updates.

12. **Committee Work Programme (Pages 81 - 88)**

Purpose:

For the Committee to review and note its work programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and comments on the work programme.

13. **Executive Work Programme (Pages 89 - 102)**

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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