

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 11 August 2026**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 12: Quorum 4 substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Alex Powell (Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Mohammed Azad

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Trish Elphinstone

Councillor Chris Jarvis

Councillor Siobhan Lancaster

Councillor Dr. Max Morris

Councillor Simon Ottino (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Asima Qayyum

Councillor Anne Stares

Councillor Elizabeth Turkson Wood

Apologies and notification of substitutes received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting. Substitutes for the Chair and Vice-chair do not take on these roles.

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		Pages
1	Apologies for absence	
2	Declarations of interest	
3	Chair's Announcements	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.	9 - 18
5	Addresses by members of the public Public addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda. Up to five minutes is available for each public address. The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 5 August 2026.	
6	Councillor addresses on any item for discussion on the Scrutiny agenda Councillor addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda. Up to five minutes is available for each address. The request should be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 5 August 2026.	
7	Cowley Branch Line infrastructure and public realm funding Cabinet, at its meeting on 19 August 2026, will receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive – Place seeking approval for future CIL funding collected within the vicinity of the Cowley Branch Line to be ringfenced to meet necessary infrastructure and public realm costs in relation to the reopening of the line for passenger services. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any	19 - 28

recommendations.

8 Scrutiny Work Plan

The Work Plan is driven to a very large extent by the [Cabinet Forward Plan](#). The Scrutiny Committee agrees its priorities for items coming onto the Forward Plan, which then form part of its Work Plan.

The Committee is recommended to confirm its agreement to the Work Plan, or agree any amendments as required.

This item will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

9 Cabinet responses to Scrutiny recommendations

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At its meeting on 8 July 2026 Cabinet considered the following reports from Scrutiny and made responses to the recommendations:

- Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy
- Annual Review of the Council of Sanctuary Framework
- HRA Policies

Shareholder and Joint Venture Group also considered the recommendations from the Finance and Performance Working Group relating to Council Companies on the following items (supplied as Appendix 1):

Finance and Performance Working Group – 15 July 2026

- ODS Executive Pay Policy [SJVG]
- ODS Group Performance Report [SJVG]

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Note** Cabinet and SJVG responses to its recommendations.

Appendix 1 will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

Appendix 1 contain exempt information pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. To discuss this item, it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely

disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council’s Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council)

10 Endorsement of Recommendations from Working Groups

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Since the Scrutiny Committee’s previous meeting on 30 June 2026, the following Working Groups have met:

- Climate and Environment Working Group on 6 July 2026
- Finance and Performance Working Group on 15 July 2026

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Endorse** the recommendations from Working Groups.

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11 Dates of future meetings

- 8 September 2026
- 13 October 2026
- 10 November 2026
- 1 December 2026
- 12 January 2027
- 2 February 2027
- 9 March 2027
- 6 April 2027

All meetings start at 6:00 pm.

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