

SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

March 2018 - May 2018

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The Scrutiny Committee agrees a work plan every year detailing selected issues that affect Oxford or its people. Time is allowed within this plan to consider topical issues as they arise throughout the year as well as decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board. This document represents the work of scrutiny for the remainder of the 2017-18 council year and will be reviewed at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

The work plan is based on suggestions received from all elected members and senior officers. Members of the public can also contribute topics for inclusion in the scrutiny work plan by completing and submitting our [suggestion form](#). See our [get involved webpage](#) for further details of how you can participate in the work of scrutiny.

The following criteria will be used by the Scrutiny Committee to evaluate and prioritise suggested topics:

- *Is the issue controversial / of significant public interest?*
- *Is it an area of high expenditure?*
- *Is it an essential service / corporate priority?*
- *Can Scrutiny influence and add value?*

Some topics will be considered at Scrutiny Committee meetings and others will be delegated to standing panels. Items for more detailed review will be considered by time-limited review groups.

The Committee will review the Council's [Forward Plan](#) at each meeting and decide which executive decisions it wishes to comment on before the decision is made. The Council also has a "call in" process which allows decisions made by the City Executive Board to be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee before they are implemented.

Scrutiny Committee and Standing Panel responsibility and membership

Committee / Panel	Remit	Nominated councillors
Scrutiny Committee	Overall management of the Council's scrutiny function.	Cllrs Altaf-Khan, Azad, Chapman, Curran, Fry, Gant (chair), Henwood, Ladbrooke, Lloyd-Shogbesan, Lygo, Paule & Thomas.
Finance Panel	Finance and budgetary issues and decisions	Cllrs Fry, (chair) Landell Mills, Simmons & Taylor.
Housing Panel	Strategic housing and landlord issues and decisions	Cllrs Goff, Henwood (chair), Paule, Sanders, Thomas & Wade.
Scrutiny Shareholder Panel	To scrutinise shareholder decisions relating to wholly Council-owned companies.	Cllrs Chapman, Fry (chair), Gant, Henwood & Simmons.

Current and planned review groups and one-off panels

Topic	Scope	Nominated councillors
Budget review 2018/19	To review the Council's draft budget for 2018/19 and medium term financial strategy.	Finance Panel members.
Oxford Living Wage	To consider how the Council can promote the implementation of the Oxford Living Wage across Oxford.	Cllrs Goff, Ladbrooke (chair), Illey-Williamson, Lloyd-Shogbesan & Thomas

Indicative timings of 2016/17 review panels

Scrutiny Review	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Oxford Living Wage										
Budget review 2018/19										

	Scoping
	Evidence gathering
	Reporting

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 MARCH 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Report of the Oxford Living Wage Review Group	No	To consider how the Council is promoting the Oxford Living Wage to local employers and what more can be done.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Andrew Brown, Committee and Member Services Manager
Devolution plans for Oxfordshire	No	To consider a progress update following the recommendations of the Devolution Review Group in January 2017.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Caroline Green, Assistant Chief Executive
Annual Workplace Equalities Report	No	To consider the annual workplace equalities report	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Paul Adams, HR & Payroll Manager
ICT restructure	No	To consider the ICT restructure.	Culture and Communities	Helen Bishop, Head of Business Improvement

5 APRIL 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Impacts of the Westgate Shopping Centre	No	To consider plans for the reopening of the Westgate Shopping Centre including public transport, parking and city centre management.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Laurie-Jane Taylor, City Centre Manager
Health inequalities	No	To consider a progress update following the recommendations of the Health Inequalities Panel.	Finance, Asset Management	Dani Granito, Policy and Partnerships Manager
Restorative justice	No	To consider the use of restorative justice to resolve low level cases of antisocial behaviour and the option of training and coordinating volunteers.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager
Graffiti prevention and removal	No	To consider the appreciative inquiry and focus group around graffiti and other initiatives to solve the issues long term.	Climate Change and Cleaner Greener Oxford	Liz Jones, Interim ASBIT Team Leader
Sustainability Strategy 2017	Yes	The report will provide the revised Oxford Sustainability Strategy, which will set out the vision for Oxford's sustainable future and steps we are required to take to deliver it.	Climate Change and Cleaner Greener Oxford	Mai Jarvis, Environmental Quality Team Manager

17 MAY 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Addressing anti-social behaviour on Oxford's waterways	No	To consider a progress report on plans to address instances of ASB at four identified hot spots on the Oxford waterways.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager
Public Spaces Protection Orders	No	To monitor the impacts of PSPOs the city, including the numbers and types of early interventions and enforcement actions.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager
Oxford Town Hall	No	To consider how to improve the profile and accessibility of the Town Hall.	Finance, Asset Management	Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services
East Oxford Community Centre - Improvement Scheme	Yes	To present an improvement scheme for the East Oxford Community Centre following public consultation.	Culture and Communities	Vicky Trietline, Development Project Management Surveyor
Fusion Lifestyle's 2018/19 Annual Service Plan	Yes	To endorse Fusion Lifestyle's 2018/19 Annual Service Plan for the continuous development, management and operation of leisure services in Oxford	Leisure, Parks and Sport	Lucy Cherry, Leisure and Performance Manager

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TO BE SCHEDULED

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Streetscene services	No	To consider the performance of Streetscene services, including the issue of dog fouling.	A Clean and Green Oxford	Doug Loveridge, Streetscene Services Manager
Inclusive cities	No	To consider what the Council has learnt from best practice in other cities about welcoming refugees and promoting inclusivity.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Caroline Green, Assistant Chief Executive
Guest houses	No	To reprioritise the recommendations of the Guest Houses Review Group and consider a progress update.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety Service Manager

FINANCE PANEL

14 MARCH 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Budget monitoring - quarter 3	No	To monitor spend against budgets and projected outturn on a quarterly basis.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Fundamental service reviews	No	To consider the outcomes of comprehensive reviews of a number of service area budgets undertaken as part of this year's budget setting process.	Finance, Asset Management	Jane Heath, Business Development & Support Manager
Monitoring social value	No	To consider the case and opportunities for monitoring social value through integrated financial, social and environmental accounting.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Impacts of changes to IR35 (intermediaries legislation)	No	To consider the possible impacts of changes to intermediaries legislation on the Council's wage bill.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

HOUSING PANEL

8 MARCH 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Housing performance - quarter 3	No	To consider a report on Council performance against a set of housing service measures chosen by the Panel.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services
Empty garages and former garage sites	No	To receive an update on how the Council is dealing with empty garages and former garage sites.	Housing	Martin Shaw, Property Services Manager
Allocation of Homelessness Prevention Funds 2018/19	Yes	Annual report listing the spend in 2017-2018 and proposals for 2018-2019 for approval.	Housing	Rachel Lawrence, Rough Sleeping and Single Homelessness Manager
Oxford City Council's Tenancy Strategy & Policy Statement 2018	Yes	To request CEB approval to go out to public consultation on the draft Tenancy Strategy	Housing	Frances Evans, Strategy & Service Development Manager

HOUSING PANEL - TO BE SCHEDULED

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Great Estates update	No	To receive an update on progress made in developing masterplans for estates and working up and delivering a rolling programme of priority improvement schemes.	Housing	Martin Shaw, Property Services Manager
Tenant satisfaction	No	To monitor tenant satisfaction survey results.	Housing	Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager
Leaseholder relationships	No	To consider Council relationships with leaseholders including the views of individual leaseholders.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services
Building the housing for the future	No	To consider the need to build homes fit for the future and the need to provide accommodation for the increasing older population with compound needs including dementia.	Housing	Frances Evans, Strategy & Service Development Manager
Impacts of absent owners on housing availability	No	To consider the impacts of foreign investors and other absent owners on housing availability in the city.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services
Flexible tenancies	Yes	To pre-scrutinise any decisions on the local implementation of government plans to prevent local authorities in England from offering secure tenancies for life to new council tenants in most circumstances.	Housing	Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager

COMPANIES PANEL

14 MARCH 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Oxford Housing Company Business Plan	Yes	To consider a sensitivity analysis of Oxford City Housing Limited's business plan.	Housing	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Companies review	No	To consider an internal audit report on whether the objectives set out in establishing new companies have been achieved.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

