

Scrutiny work programme preparation 2015/16

Carry forward items

These are items for the Scrutiny Committee to carryforward:

Items carried forward	Suggested approach	Suggested / possible timing
Budget Review	Finance Panel Review	Dec 15-Feb 16
Neighbourhood working / community engagement / community development and capacity building	Review Group	
Local Economy Panel	Review Group	
Thames Water investment	Ad hoc Panel	16 July
Oxfutures	Member briefing	TBC
Proposed Lease and Monitoring Arrangements for Community Centres	Scrutiny Committee (pre-scrutiny)	7 September
Oxford Railway Station Redevelopment	Scrutiny Committee (pre-scrutiny)	7 September
Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy	Scrutiny Committee (pre-scrutiny)	7 September
Taxi Licencing	Scrutiny Committee	2 November
Discretionary Housing Payments	Scrutiny Committee	Mid-year
Performance Monitoring (corporate)	Scrutiny Committee	Quarterly
Budget monitoring	Finance Panel	Quarterly
Municipal Bonds / Local financing	Finance Panel	2 July
Corporate Debt Policy	Finance Panel (pre-scrutiny)	2 July
Performance Monitoring (housing)	Housing Panel	Quarterly
Housing Development delivery models	Housing Panel (pre-scrutiny)	9 December
Energy Strategy	Housing Panel (pre-scrutiny)	3 September
Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licensing Scheme	Housing Panel (pre-scrutiny)	8 October
De-designation of 40+ accommodation	Housing Panel	3 September
Review of the Homelessness Action Plan 2013-18	Housing Panel	3 September

New suggestions

These are new suggestions that have been made by Councillors. When selecting and prioritising items for the scrutiny work programme, members are asked to apply the following criteria:

- *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?*

The Scrutiny Officer has provided some suggested scores against these items but members may wish to review and re-prioritise these.

2 = Yes / High

1 = Moderate / Some constraints

0 = None / Little

* = High spend by other authorities.

Suggested additions to the Scrutiny work programme	Suggested approach	Significant interest?	High OCC spend?	Essential service / priority?	Able to influence?	Total Score 0-8
Economic Development	Review Group / Considered by Local Economy Panel	2	2	2	1	7
Educational Attainment	Review Group / Considered by Inequality Panel	2	1*	1	1	5
Cycling	Review Group / Scrutiny Committee	2	1*	1	1	6
Tree cover, biodiversity and the work of the Forest of Oxford / project to get even more trees planted in the City	Review Group / Scrutiny Committee	2	1	1	1	5
School/employer links and careers	Review Group / Scrutiny	2	1	1	1	5

advice	Committee					
Tackling loneliness among the elderly	Review Group / Scrutiny Committee	2	1	1	1	5
The Council's external contracts, funding raised and their impacts	Review Group / One-off panel	1	1	1	2	5
Better Partnership with the County Council	Review Group / One-off panel	2	1	1	2	6
Mental health services	One-off panel / Member Challenge Panel	2	1*	1	1	5
Oxford Transport Strategy	One-off panel / Considered by Cycling Panel	2	1*	1	1	5
New community centre for Jericho	One-off panel	1	1	1	2	5
Guest House regulation	One-off panel / Scrutiny Committee	2	0	1	1	5
Liberty's advice on the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order and the City Council's response	One-off panel	2	2	2	2	8
Heritage listing process / Heritage & Conservation / impact of the Design Review Panel	Scrutiny Committee / One-off panel	1	1	1	2	5
The use of S106 funds and what influence Councillors have	Scrutiny Committee / Considered by Cycling Panel	1	2	1	1	5
How to ensure that the County Council improves the maintenance of roads and pavements / Monitoring the quality of sub-contractors works.	Scrutiny Committee	2	1*	1	1	5
Public Communications / Consultation	Scrutiny Committee	1	2	2	2	7
Graffiti	Scrutiny Committee	2	1	2	2	7
Youth Ambition	Scrutiny Committee	2	2	2	2	8
Whether the Council would benefit from having a Personnel Committee to deal	Scrutiny Committee / One-off panel	1	1	1	2	5

with employment, training and HR matters for staff						
Complaints received by the City Council	Scrutiny Committee	2	1	2	2	7
Equalities	Scrutiny Committee	2	1	2	2	7
Employment of interns, apprentices and work experience students	Scrutiny Committee	1	2	1	2	6
Contact Centre performance	Scrutiny Committee	1	2	2	2	7
Planning enforcement and monitoring compliance	Scrutiny Committee	1	2	2	2	7
Sustainability of the Council's Housing Stock	Housing Panel	2	2	2	1	7
Designating areas for high density housing development	Housing Panel	1	2	2	2	7
Review communications with people about their benefits, in particular the clarity and appropriateness of language used.	Housing Panel / One-off panel	1	1	2	2	6
Research trends of private sector housing costs. What are recent rent increases, changes to tenant fees, changes to landlord fees?	Housing Panel	2	1	2	1	6
Providing more housing on the waterways	Housing Panel	1	1	1	1	4
Use of CPO and EDMO powers for new affordable housing	Housing Panel / Considered by Inequality Panel	1	1	2	2	6
The option of using/encouraging community land trusts to provide affordable housing and to protect social housing from private sale.	Housing Panel / Considered by Inequality Panel	1	1	2	1	5
Consider options for using self-build to provide affordable housing.	Housing Panel / Considered by Inequality Panel	1	1	2	1	5
Child Poverty	Considered by Inequality	2	1*	1	1	5

	Panel					
How to improve the health of people in the city	Considered by Inequality Panel	2	1*	1	1	5
Primary care in Oxford	Considered by Oxfordshire County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	0*	1	1	4

Draft Scrutiny Committee Agenda Schedule

Date and room	Agenda Item	Lead Member / Officer(s)
7 September 2015, 6.15pm, St. Aldate's Room	1. Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy (pre-scrutiny)	Ian Brooke
	2. Statement of Community Involvement 2015 (pre-scrutiny)	Lyndsey Beveridge
	3. Oxford Railway Station Redevelopment (pre-scrutiny)	Fiona Piercy
	4. Integrated report quarter 1 2015/15 (pre-scrutiny)	N/A
	5. Report of the Cycling Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Louise Upton

2015/16 Scrutiny Committee dates: 7 September, 6 October, 2 November, 8 December, 12 January, 2 February, 7 March, 5 April

Draft Finance Panel agenda schedule

Date and room	Agenda Item	Lead Officer(s)
2 July 2015, 5.30pm, St. Aldate's Room	1. Low Carbon Hub funding model	Steve Drummond (Low Carbon Hub),
	2. Municipal Bonds	Christian Wall, Local Capital Finance Company
	3. Corporate Debt Policy (pre-scrutiny)	Nigel Kennedy
	4. Integrated report 2014/15 quarter 4 (pre-scrutiny)	Nigel Kennedy

Provisional 2015/16 Finance Panel dates: 3 November, 14 January, 28 January & 7 April.

Draft Housing Panel Agenda Schedules

Date, room and time	Possible Agenda Items	Lead Officer(s)
3 September, 5pm, Room TBC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. De-designation of 40+ accommodation 2. Review of the Homelessness Action Plan 2013-18 3. Energy Strategy (pre-scrutiny) 	<p>Tom Porter</p> <p>Dave Scholes</p> <p>Debbie Haynes</p>

Provisional 2015/16 Housing Panel dates: 8 October, 9 December & 9 March.

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