

# Agenda

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## Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 2 February 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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## Committee Membership

Councillor Andrew Gant (Chair)

Councillor Dr Joe McManners (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Lubna Arshad

Councillor Shaista Aziz

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini

Councillor James Fry

Councillor Richard Howlett

Councillor Pat Kennedy

Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Craig Simmons

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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<p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<b>5 Work Plan and Forward Plan</b>	13 - 24
<p>The Scrutiny Committee operates within a work plan which is agreed at the start of the Council year the latest version of which is attached. The work plan is driven to a very large extent by the Cabinet Forward Plan. A summary of the latest version of the Forward Plan is attached.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to agree the work plan having taken account of any updates and after discussion.</p> <p>The Committee is further asked to agree to a meeting in May to take place in the event that the local elections are delayed. Date to be confirmed when the dates of Cabinet meetings are set.</p>	
<b>6 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22</b>	25 - 68
<p>Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 February, will consider a report on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2021/22. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.</p> <p>Councillor Marie Tidball, Cabinet Member for Supporting Local Communities and Tanya Bandekar, Service Manager Revenue &amp; Benefits, have been invited to attend for this item.</p>	

## **7 Zero Carbon Council by 2030: 4th carbon management plan 2021/22 to 2029/30**

Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 February, will consider a report on the Zero Carbon Council by 2030: 4th carbon management plan 2021/22 to 2029/30. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.

Councillor Tom Hayes, Cabinet Member for Green Transport and Zero Carbon Oxford and Tim Sadler, Transition Director, have been invited to attend for this item.

## **8 Draft Budget Review Group Report**

The Committee is asked to consider the Draft Budget Review Group Report, raise any necessary amendments and agree an approved version to submit to Cabinet for response.

This report will be published as a supplement.

## **9 Report back on recommendations and Scrutiny Panel meetings**

No Scrutiny reports have been taken to Cabinet since the last meeting.

Councillor James Fry will update the Committee on the meeting of the Finance and Performance Panel held on 27 January 2021.

The meeting of the Housing and Homelessness Panel, scheduled for 01 February, was cancelled as the reports for consideration had been deferred.

## **10 Dates of future meetings**

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

### **Scrutiny Committee**

- 02 March, 08 April

### **Standing Panels**

- Finance & Performance: Provisional meeting scheduled for 06 April (dependent on whether the local elections are delayed)
- Companies Scrutiny: 15 March
- Housing & Homelessness: 04 March

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

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