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Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 2 March 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

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2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	9 - 14
<p>Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 02 February 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5 Work Plan and Forward Plan	15 - 18
<p>A summary of the latest version of the Forward Plan is attached for information.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to note that with the election confirmed for May, the current meeting is the last of the civic year. The Committee is recommended to delegate to the Scrutiny Officer development of an interim workplan for the first quarter of the upcoming civic year, to allow the new Scrutiny Committee time to agree its own priorities thereafter.</p>	
6 Council Business Plan 2021-22 and Business Plan 2020-21 update	19 - 86
<p>Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 March, will consider a report on the Council Business Plan 2021-22 and Business Plan 2020-21 update. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.</p> <p>Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council and Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy Partnership & Communications Manager, have been invited to attend for this item.</p>	

7 Oxpens Revelopment

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Cabinet, at its meeting on 10 March, will consider a report on the approval of additional loan finance to Oxford West End Development (OxWED) to support the redevelopment of Oxpens. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.

Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council; Tom Bridgman, Executive Director for Development; and Jane Winfield, Head of Service (Corporate Property) have been invited to attend for this item.

8 Report back on recommendations and Scrutiny Panel meetings

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The Committee's recommendations on the Zero Carbon Council report and of the Budget Review Group were put to Cabinet at its meeting on 10 February. Cabinet's responses to those recommendations are attached.

No Scrutiny Panels have met since the last meeting of the Committee.

The draft responses of the Cabinet to the Scrutiny Climate Emergency Review Group are also attached for consideration by the Committee. The Committee is asked to note the draft nature of these responses, which are still subject to formal Cabinet agreement.

9 Reports for approval

The Committee is asked to agree the following draft reports:

- Domestic Abuse Review Group report (*to follow*).
- Report to Cabinet regarding Citizen Engagement (*to follow*).

10 Dates of future meetings

Meetings are scheduled as followed:

Scrutiny Committee

- 08 April - *cancelled*

Standing Panels

- Finance & Performance: Provisional meeting scheduled for 06 April – *now cancelled*
- Companies Scrutiny: 15 March
- Housing & Homelessness: 04 March

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