

# Agenda

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## Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 8 September 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **The Old Library - Oxford Town Hall**

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## Committee Membership

Councillor Elizabeth Wade (Chair)

Councillor Nigel Chapman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini

Councillor Paula Dunne

Councillor James Fry

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Dr Christopher Snowton

Councillor Imogen Thomas

Councillor Marie Tidball

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Dick Wolff

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	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1 Apologies for absence</b> Apologies given by Cllr Tidball, for whom Cllr Diggins will substitute.	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Chair's Announcements</b>	
<b>4 Minutes</b>  <b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.	9 - 16
<b>5 Work Plan and Forward Plan</b>  The work plan is driven to a very large extent by the Cabinet Forward Plan a summary of which is attached. 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:  1. <b>Confirm</b> its agreement to the current priorities and the work plan both of which are attached.	17 - 30
<b>6 Urban Forest Strategy</b>  Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 September , will consider a report on the Urban Forest Strategy. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.  Councillor Lubna Arshad, Cabinet Member for Parks and Waste Reduction; and Amanda Ford, Environmental Quality Team Manager, have been invited to attend for this item.	31 - 124

<b>7</b>	<b>Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23</b>	125 - 150
	<p>Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 September, will consider a report on the Council Tax Reduction Strategy for 2022/23. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.</p> <p>Councillor Shaista Aziz, Cabinet Member Inclusive Communities; Tanya Bandekar, Service Manager, Revenues, Benefits and Income; and Laura Bessel, Benefit Manager, have been invited to attend for this item.</p> <p>NB: This item was considered in the 2020/21 civic year but no recommendations were made in relation to it.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Tourism Management Review Group Report - Update</b>	151 - 164
	<p>To consider an update on progress against the recommendations and agreed actions from the Tourism Management Review Group. Councillor Mary Clarkson, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure &amp; Tourism; Matt Peachey, Economic Development Manager; and Iain Nicholson, City Centre Manager, have been invited to attend for this item. The Committee is invited to note and comment on the update.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Reports for approval</b>	165 - 176
	<p>The Committee is asked to approve two reports from the Finance and Performance Panel before they are forward for consideration by Cabinet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Value in Procurement</li> <li>• Aareon QL Implementation</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Report back on recommendations</b>	177 - 178
	<p>Cabinet on 21 July considered Scrutiny recommendations in relation to the Electric Vehicle Strategy. After some discussion at Cabinet, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee agreed that, in light of the troubles with the audio and the lack of majority support from Scrutiny members for some recommendations, there would be merit in asking the Committee to confirm its agreement with the report and its recommendations, with a view to resubmission of them to the next meeting of Cabinet.</p>	

## **11 Dates of future meetings**

### **Scrutiny Committee**

- 05 October 2021
- 02 November 2021
- 06 December 2021

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Housing & Homelessness: 02 September, 06 October; 04 November

Finance & Performance: 06 September; 08 December

Companies: 24 November; 13 December (tbc)

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