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Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 5 October 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini

Councillor Paula Dunne

Councillor James Fry

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton

Councillor Imogen Thomas

Councillor Marie Tidball

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Dick Wolff

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1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	9 - 16
<p>Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 08 September 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5 Work Plan and Forward Plan	17 - 30
<p>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.</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Confirm its agreement to the current priorities and the work plan both of which are attached.	
6 Annual Air Quality Status Report	31 - 138
<p>Cllr Tom Hayes, Cabinet Member for Green Transport & Zero Carbon Oxford; Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy; Amanda Ford, Environmental Quality Team Manager; and Pedro Abreu, Air Quality Officer have been invited to attend for this item.</p> <p>Consideration by the Committee in October 2020 of the previous annual report did not conclude with any recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	

7 Reports for approval

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A report from the Housing & Homelessness Panel in relation to Q1 performance is attached for the Committee's consideration before submission to Cabinet.

8 Review Group Scope

The Committee is asked to:

- 1) Agree the draft scope for the Child Poverty Review Group
- 2) Nominate members from the political groups

NB This report will follow as a supplement

9 Report back on recommendations and from Scrutiny Panel meetings

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Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 September, gave responses to the Scrutiny recommendations on the Domestic Abuse Review Group; Urban Forest Strategy and QL Implementation, copies of which are attached.

Responses to the EV Strategy and Social Value in Procurement are awaited.

There have been no Panel meetings since the last Committee meeting.

10 Development of land at South Oxford Science Village (Land South of Grenoble Road)

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Cabinet, at its meeting on 13 October, will consider a report on the Development of land at South Oxford Science Village. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon.

Cllr Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery; Cllr Ed Turner, Cabinet Member for Finance & Asset Management; Carolyn Ploszynski, Head of Regeneration & Economy; and Jenny Barker, Regeneration Manager, have been invited to attend for this item.

11 Dates of future meetings

Scrutiny Committee

- 02 November 2021
- 06 December 2021

Standing Panels

Housing & Homelessness: 06 October; 04 November

Finance & Performance: 08 December

Companies: 14 October; 24 November

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Part 2 - matters exempt from publication

13 Development of land at South Oxford Science Village - Appendices 1 and 2

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