

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee

Informal Remote Meeting

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This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 18 January 2022**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 12: Quorum 4: Substitutes are permitted.

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 Marie Tidball

Councillor Imogen Thomas

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Dick Wolff

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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1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	7 - 16
<p>Minutes from 08 December 2021</p> <p>Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 08 December 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 Climate Emergency Review Group Updates	31 - 64
<p>Scrutiny Committee has requested an update paper on the Council's progress relating to actions arising from the Climate Emergency Review Group. Cllr Tom Hayes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Green Transport, Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy and Rose Dickinson, Carbon Reduction Team Manager have been invited to present a report.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any</p>	

recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet arising from it.

7 Procurement Update

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The Scrutiny Committee has requested an update on the Council's procurement process. Attached is the current Procurement Policy, with a list of planned amendments to go into the new policy. Annette Osborne, Procurement Manager, will be available to introduce those planned amendments, but would value the input of the Committee in identifying other ideas for inclusion also. She is also available to answer questions concerning the Council's procurement.

The Committee is asked to consider the update and **AGREE** any other amendments for inclusion, to be made via recommendations to Cabinet.

8 Report back on recommendations and from Scrutiny Panel meetings

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At its meeting on 15 December the Cabinet considered the following reports from Scrutiny and made responses to the recommendations therein:

- Workplace Equalities
- Strategic Grants
- Asset Management Strategy
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Housing and Carbon Reduction
- Tourism Review Group Progress Update

Since Scrutiny's previous meeting, the following Panels have met:

- Housing and Homelessness Panel (Cllr Linda Smith)
- Companies Scrutiny Panel (Cllr Nigel Chapman)

The Committee is asked:

1. To note Cabinet's responses to its recommendations.
2. To note the updates from Panel Chairs.

9 Dates of future meetings

Scrutiny Committee

- 01 February
- 07 March
- 05 April

Standing Panels

Housing & Homelessness: 02 February, 04 April

Finance & Performance: 24 January, 09 March

Companies: 24 March

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

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