

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee

New Meeting

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 14 July 2021**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Main Hall - 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 Smowton

Councillor Imogen Thomas

Councillor Marie Tidball

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Dick Wolff

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Agenda

	Pages
1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	9 - 14
	Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.
5 Work Plan, Forward Plan	15 - 26
	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. Confirm its agreement to the current priorities.
6 Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation document	
	Cabinet, at its meeting on 21 July, will consider a report on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation document. The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations thereon. Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning & Housing Delivery; Adrian Arnold, Head of Planning Services; and Rachel Williams, Planning Policy & Place Manager, have been invited to attend for this item. Please note that this report and its associated documentation are being published as two separate supplements. The first will comprise the report and its principal appendices, the second will include supporting documentation.

7	Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Strategy	27 - 42
	Cabinet, at its meeting on 21 July, will consider a report on the Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Strategy. 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 Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy have been invited to attend for this item.	
8	Scrutiny of Council Companies	43 - 48
	The Committee is recommended to:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the revised executive arrangements for the governance of the Council's companies and joint ventures; 2. Note that proposed changes to the Constitution will be presented to the 26 July Council meeting following consultation with political groups; 3. Agree how Scrutiny will engage with the shareholder function under these revised arrangements, with reference to paragraphs 16-19; and 4. Agree to amend the Scrutiny Operating Principles to remove the rule that Standing Panel and Review Group Chairs must be members of the Scrutiny Committee and instead state that Standing Panel and Review Group Chairs will be accountable to the Scrutiny Committee. 	
9	Operating Principles	49 - 52
	The Committee is recommended to:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree the Committee Operating Principles, which have been amended to take account of comments made at the previous meeting (amendments in green). 	
10	Topics for Scrutiny Commissioned Reports	
	The Committee is recommended to:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment on and agree topics for Scrutiny commissioned reports on the basis of the suggestions previously provided by the Committee; and 2. Note the feedback from the monitoring officer regarding the request to make pre-report suggestions on the EV Strategy report and others 	
	Please note, this report will be published as a supplement	

11 Report back on recommendations

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Cabinet on 16 June considered Scrutiny recommendations in relation to Safeguarding and the Countywide Transformation of Homelessness & Rough Sleeping. The Cabinet responses to those recommendations are attached.

12 Dates of future meetings

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Scrutiny Committee

03 August 2021

08 September 2021

05 October 2021

02 November 2021

06 December 2021

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

Standing Panels

Housing & Homelessness: 04 August, 06 October; 04 November

Finance & Performance: 08 July; 02 August; 06 September; 08 December

Companies: 20 July; 24 November; 13 December (NB, these dates are subject to the Committee's decisions in agenda item 8)

13 Matters Exempt from Publication

If the Committee wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Part Two – matters exempt from publication

14 Confidential Minutes

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Recommendation: That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2021 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

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*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.