

# Agenda

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## Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 8 June 2022**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room, Oxford Town Hall**

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## **Committee Membership**

Councillors: Membership 12: Quorum 4 substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Lubna Arshad

Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Barbara Coyne

Councillor Lizzy Diggins

Councillor Chris Jarvis

Councillor Edward Mundy

Councillor Lucy Pegg

Councillor Mike Rowley

Councillor Roz Smith

Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton

Councillor Marie Tidball

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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	<b>Pages</b>
<b>1 Election of Chair for the Council year 2022/23</b>	
The chair of the Scrutiny Committee must be an opposition councillor (Constitution Part 13.6).	
<b>2 Election of Vice Chair for the Council year 2022/23</b>	
The vice chair can be from any political group.	
<b>3 Apologies for absence</b>	
<b>4 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>5 Chair's Announcements</b>	
<b>6 Minutes</b>	9 - 16
Minutes from the meeting held on 05 April 2022 and the informal remote meeting of the members of the Scrutiny Committee held on 12 April 2022	
<b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.	
<b>7 Scrutiny Operating Principles 2022/23</b>	17 - 38
The Head of Law and Governance has submitted a report which seeks the Committee's agreement to the adoption of a set of scrutiny operating principles for the 2022/23 Council year, the establishment of standing panels, the appointment of standing panel chairs and a proposed work plan to September 2022. The recommendations are set out in the report.	
<b>8 Report of the Child Poverty Review Group</b>	39 - 84
The Scrutiny Committee on 5 October 2021 agreed to establish a Child Poverty Review Group and to appoint Cllr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini as chair.	
The Review Group has now concluded its work and has produced a report with 42 recommendations. Cllr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini, Chair of the Child Poverty Review Group, has been invited to present the report.	
The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the report for submission to Cabinet.	

<b>9</b>	<b>Waterways update</b>	85 - 92
	<p>The Scrutiny Committee in 2021/22 commissioned a waterways update report from the Head of Community Services.</p> <p>Michael Woods, Oxford Waterways Coordinator, have been invited to present the report and answer questions.</p> <p>The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the report. The Committee may also wish to consider making recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Oxford's Economic Strategy - Consultation Report and Recommendations</b>	93 - 268
	<p>Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 June 2022, will consider a report from the Director of Development on Oxford's Economic Strategy.</p> <p>Cllr Susan Brown, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy and Partnerships, and Matt Peachey, Economic Development Manager, have been invited to present the report and answer questions.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider the report and may wish to make recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>City Centre Action Plan (Draft) - Consultation Report and Recommendations</b>	269 - 448
	<p>Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 June 2022, will consider a report from the Head of Regeneration and Economy on the City Centre Action Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Imogen Thomas, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice, and Matt Peachey, Economic Development Manager, have been invited to present the report and answer questions.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider the report and may wish to make recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	
	<p><b>Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 05 July 2022</li> <li>• 02 August 2022</li> <li>• 06 September 2022</li> <li>• 11 October 2022</li> <li>• 07 November 2022</li> <li>• 05 December 2022</li> <li>• 16 January 2023</li> </ul>	

- 01 February 2023
- 06 March 2023
- 04 April 2023

### **Standing Panels**

Housing & Homelessness: 04 July 2022; 06 October 2022; 03 November 2022; 02 March 2023; 24 April 2023

Finance & Performance: 07 July 2022; 07 September 2022; 07 December 2022; 23 January 2023; 28 March 2023

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