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Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Monday 5 December 2022**

Time: **6.00 pm**

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

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 12: Quorum 4 substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
(Chair)

Councillor Lizzy Diggins (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Lubna Arshad

Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Barbara Coyne

Councillor Chris Jarvis

Councillor Edward Mundy

Councillor Lucy Pegg

Councillor Anna Railton

Councillor Mike Rowley

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	Pages
1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes	7 - 12
<p>Minutes from 7 November 2022.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2022 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5 Work Plan and Forward Plan	13 - 22
<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 on to the Forward Plan, which then forms part of its own work plan.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the Committee confirms its agreement to the current priorities and the work plan, both of which are attached.</p>	
6 Thriving Communities Strategy 2023-2027	23 - 93
<p>The Cabinet will, at its meeting on 14 December 2022, consider a report on the Thriving Communities Strategy 2023/2027. Cllr Chewe Munkonge, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Parks, Cllr Shaista Aziz, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities and Culture, Cllr Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Health and Transport, and Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.</p>	
7 Grant Allocations to Community & Voluntary Organisations 2023/24	95 - 119
<p>The Cabinet will, at its meeting on 14 December 2022, consider a report on Grant Allocations to Community & Voluntary Organisations for 2023/24. Cllr Shaista Aziz, Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities and Culture, and Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.</p>	

	The Committee is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.	
8	Authority Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021/22	121 - 220
	The Cabinet will, at its meeting on 14 December 2022, consider a report on the Authority Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement for 2021/22. Cllr Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery, Christian Cameron, Data Analyst, and Lan Nguyen, Senior Data Analyst, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.	
	The Committee is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.	
9	Workplace Equalities and Action Plan	221 - 275
	The Cabinet will, at its meeting on 14 December 2022, consider a report on the Workplace Equalities Update and Action Plan. Cllr Nigel Chapman, Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services, and Helen Bishop, Head of Business Improvement, have been invited to present the report and to answer questions.	
	The Committee is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.	
10	Report back on recommendations and from Scrutiny Panel meetings	277 - 294
	At its meeting on 16 November 2022, the Cabinet considered the following reports from the Scrutiny Committee and made responses to the recommendations:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement Strategy 2022-2025 • Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 2.1 • West End and Osney Mead SPD 	
	Since the Scrutiny Committee's previous meeting, no standing panels have met.	
	The Housing and Homelessness Panel will, at its meeting on 30 November 2022, consider a report on Co-option of Tenant Ambassador(s). The recommendations of the Panel will be reported at the Committee meeting.	
	The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet's responses to its recommendations.	

11 Dates of future meetings

Scrutiny Committee

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

Standing Panels

Housing & Homelessness: 30 November 2022; 02 March 2023; 24 April 2023

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

Climate & Environment Panel: introductory meeting to be held on 11 January 2023. Other dates to be agreed in consultation with Chair and Panel.

Companies Scrutiny Panel will meet on the same dates as the SJVG: 08 December 2022; 01 March 2023; 27 April 2023.

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