

# Agenda

## Scrutiny Committee

### Informal Remote Meeting

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This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 12 April 2022**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Remote (Zoom)**

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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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<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Chair's Announcements</b>	
<b>4 Minutes</b>	7 - 22
<p>Minutes from 02 March 2022 and 07 March 2022.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 02 March 2022 and the ordinary meeting held on 07 March 2022 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<b>5 Domestic Abuse Review Recommendations Update</b>	23 - 36
<p>The Committee is asked to consider the updates on progress against recommendations made by the Domestic Abuse Review Group. Owing to the lack of time between Scrutiny and Cabinet it is advised that the Committee <b>NOTE</b> the report but make no recommendations..</p> <p>Cllr Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for a Safer, Healthy Oxford and Liz Jones, ASBIT Manager and Domestic Abuse Lead have been invited to present this item.</p>	
<b>6 Reports for Approval</b>	37 - 60
<p>The Committee is asked to approve the following reports and recommendations for submission to Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Report (NB A number of proof-reading errors have been corrected since the previous version of the report, and an additional recommendation, number 10, has been added since the last one was issued)</li><li>• DSS Discrimination Motion Update</li></ul> <p>The Committee is also asked, following comments made at Cabinet, to decide whether it wishes to retain or dispense with Cabinet being asked to state their agreement/partial agreement/ disagreement with a</p>	

recommendation.

## **7 Report back on recommendations and from Scrutiny Panel meetings**

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At its meeting on 16 March the Cabinet considered the following reports from Scrutiny and made responses to the recommendations:

- Climate Emergency Review Group Update
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy
- Allocation of Preventing Homelessness Grant 2022/23
- Housing Assistance and Disabled Adaptation Policy
- Annual Update of the Council Business Plan
- Oxfordshire Recovery and Renewal Framework

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

- Housing & Homelessness Panel (22 March)
- Companies Scrutiny Panel (28 March and 07 April)

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Note** Cabinet's responses to its recommendations.
2. **Note** the updates from Panel Chairs.

## **8 Dates of future meetings for 2022/23**

### **Scrutiny Committee**

- 08 June 2022
- 05 July 2022
- 02 August 2022
- 06 September 2022
- 11 October 2022
- 07 November 2022
- 05 December 2022
- 16 January 2023

- 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

**All meetings start at 6.00 pm.**

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