

Agenda

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Scrutiny Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday 10 March 2026**

Time: **6.15 pm**

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

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Committee Membership

Councillors: Membership 12: Quorum 4 substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Alex Powell (Chair)

Councillor Mike Rowley (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan

Councillor Mohammed Azad

Councillor Tiago Corais

Councillor Chris Jarvis

Councillor Dr Amar Latif

Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Simon Ottino

Councillor Asima Qayyum

Councillor Anne Stares

Councillor James Taylor

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1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Chair's Announcements	
4 Minutes of the previous meeting	9 - 20
<p>The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 as a true and accurate record.</p>	
5 Addresses by members of the public	
<p>Public addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda. Up to five minutes is available for each public address.</p> <p>The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 March 2026.</p>	
6 Councillor addresses on any item for discussion on the Scrutiny agenda	
<p>Councillor addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda. Up to five minutes is available for each address.</p> <p>The request should be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 March 2026.</p>	
7 More Leisure Annual Service Plan (Year 3) and Update	21 - 80
<p>Cabinet, at it's meeting on 18 March 2026 will consider a report to update Cabinet on the highlights of the second year of the new leisure contract and approve the Annual Service Plan 2026-27, which is an annual requirement of the operator, aiming to align outcomes to the Council's priorities and to address health inequalities.</p>	

Councillor Chewe Munknge, Cabinet Member for a Healthy Oxford, Hagan Lewisman, Active Communities Manager and James Baughan, Leisure and Active Wellbeing Manager have been invited to present the report and take part in discussions.

The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations.

8 Nighttime Economy

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At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 July 2025, the Committee requested an update on the Council's work to support the nighttime economy.

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning and Culture, and Diana Fawcett, City Centre Manager, will be in attendance to present the presentation and answer questions.

The Committee is asked to consider the presentation and agree any recommendations.

9 Fly-tipping and Litter Management

At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 July 2025, the Committee requested an update on the Council's work to mitigate fly-tipping and the work on litter management.

Councillor Nigel Chapman, Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies, Helen Bishop, Director of Communities and Citizens Services and Tina Mould, Environment Sustainability Business Lead will be in attendance to present the report and answer questions.

The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree any recommendations.

The report will be published in a supplement ahead of the meeting.

10 Scrutiny Work Plan

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The Work Plan is driven to a very large extent by the [Cabinet Forward Plan](#). 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 confirm its agreement to the Work Plan, or agree any amendments as required.

11 Cabinet responses to Scrutiny recommendations

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At its meeting on 11 February 2026, Cabinet considered the following reports from Scrutiny and made responses to the recommendations:

- Debt Recovery Procedure
- Noticeboards Update
- AI Strategy
- Budget Review Group Report

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Note** Cabinet's responses to its recommendations.

12 Endorsement of Recommendations from Working Groups

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Since the Scrutiny Committee's previous meeting on 3 February 2026, the following Working Groups have met:

- Climate and Environment Working Group (25 February 2026)
- Housing and Homelessness Working Group (26 February 2026)

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Endorse** the recommendations from Working Groups.

13 Dates of future meetings

Scrutiny Committee

- 7 April 2026

All meetings start at 6:00 pm.

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