

SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

February 2017 - June 2017

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The Scrutiny Committee agrees a work plan every year detailing selected issues that affect Oxford or its inhabitants. Time is allowed within this plan to consider topical issues as they arise throughout the year as well as decisions to be taken by the City Executive Board. This document represents the work of scrutiny for the remainder of the 2016-17 council year and will be reviewed monthly by the Scrutiny Committee.

The work plan is based on suggestions received from all elected members and senior council officers. Members of the public can also contribute topics for inclusion in the scrutiny work plan by completing and submitting our [suggestion form](#). See our [get involved webpage](#) for further details of how you can participate in the work of scrutiny.

The following criteria will be used by the Scrutiny Committee to evaluate and prioritise suggested topics:

- *Is the issue controversial / of significant public interest?*
- *Is it an area of high expenditure?*
- *Is it an essential service / corporate priority?*
- *Can Scrutiny influence and add value?*

Some topics will be considered at Scrutiny Committee meetings and others will be delegated to two standing panels. Items for more detailed review will be considered by time-limited review groups.

The Committee will review the Council's [Forward Plan](#) at each meeting and decide which executive decisions it wishes to comment on before the decision is made. The Council also has a "call in" process which allows decisions made by the City Executive Board to be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee before they are implemented.

Scrutiny Committee and Standing Panel responsibility and membership


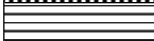

Committee / Panel	Remit	Nominated councillors
Scrutiny Committee	Overall management of the Council's scrutiny function.	Cllrs Azad, Chapman, Coulter, Fry, Gant (Chair), Hayes, Henwood, Pegg, Simmons, Taylor, Tidball & Wilkinson
Finance Panel	Finance and budgetary issues and decisions	Cllrs Fooks, Fry, Simmons (Chair) & Taylor
Housing Panel	Strategic housing and landlord issues and decisions	Cllrs Goff, Henwood (Chair), Pegg, Sanders, Thomas & Wade, Geno Humphrey (tenant co-optee)

Current and planned review groups and one-off panels

Topic	Scope	Nominated councillors
Budget review 2017/18	To review the Council's 2017/18 draft budget and medium term financial strategy	Cllrs Fooks, Fry, Simmons (Chair) & Taylor
Devolution plans for Oxfordshire review	To scrutinise devolution proposals for Oxfordshire	Cllrs Coulter, Gant, Hayes, Simmons & Tidball (Chair)
Health inequalities (one- off panel)	To consider the council's response to the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Health inequalities	Councillor Coulter (Chair), other members TBC

Indicative timings of 2016/17 review panels

Scrutiny Review	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Devolution plans for Oxfordshire	Scoping		Evidence gathering		Reporting					
Budget review 2017/18		Scoping		Evidence gathering		Reporting				
Review 3 (TBC)							Scoping		Evidence gathering	

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 FEBRUARY 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Air Quality	No	To consider partnership working with the County Council to improve air quality in the city.	A Clean Green Oxford	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer
Proposals for a workplace parking levy	No	To consider the pros and cons of proposed workplace parking charges in Oxford.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer
Police and Crime Panel update	No	To receive an update on police and crime scrutiny activities by the Council's representative on Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel (PCP).	Community Safety	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer
Performance Monitoring - quarter 3	No	Quarterly reports on Council performance against a set of corporate service measures chosen by the Committee.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer

27 MARCH 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Waterways Public Space Protection Order	Yes	To update the Board on the outcome of phase one of the consultation process and proposals for the way forward.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety & Resilience Manager
Public Spaces Protection Orders	No	To monitor the impacts of PSPOs the city, including the numbers and types of early interventions and enforcement actions.	Community Safety	Richard Adams, Community Safety & Resilience Manager
Graffiti prevention	No	To consider the appreciative inquiry and focus group around graffiti and other initiatives to solve the issues long term.	Climate Change and Cleaner Greener Oxford	Liz Jones, Interim ASBIT Team Leader

Safeguarding Report 2017/18	Yes	An annual report to monitor the progress made on Oxford City Council's Section 11 Self-assessment Action Plan 2016-2017 and to approve the Action Plan for 2017-2018.	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health	Val Johnson, Policy and Partnerships Team Leader
Recommendation Monitoring - Guest Houses	No	To monitor progress and implementation following the recommendations of the Guest Houses Review Group in December 2015.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Richard Adams, Community Safety & Resilience Manager

2 MAY 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Oxford Railway Station Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Yes	To seek approval to consult on the draft Oxford Railway Station Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).	Planning and Regulatory Services	Fiona Piercy, Regeneration Programme Director
Fusion Lifestyle's Annual Service Plan 2017/18	Yes	The report will recommend that the City Executive Board endorse Fusion Lifestyle's Annual Service Plan for the management of the Council's leisure facilities for 2017/18.	Leisure, Parks and Sport	Lucy Cherry, Leisure and Performance Manager
City Centre Strategy	Yes	To approve the City Centre Strategy which aims to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create and promote a strong investment proposition by informing the future role and direction of the city centre • facilitate ongoing dialogue with those involved in the management and future of the city centre • provide a framework for collaboration and action • assist in the allocation of resources and prioritise actions 	Planning and Regulatory Services, Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Fiona Piercy, Regeneration Programme Director

Recommendation monitoring - Local economy	No	To monitor progress following the local economy review group in June 2015.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	David Edwards, Executive Director City Regeneration and Housing
Assessing disabled impacts in planning	No	To consider how the Council fulfils its duty to assess the impacts on disabled people of new developments and changes of use, including for businesses and private and social sector housing.	Planning and Regulatory Services	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services

6 JUNE 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Local Plan Preferred Options	Yes	Progress of the review of the Local Plan	Planning and Regulatory Services	Sarah Harrison, Senior Planner
Design Review Panel	No	To consider the work and effectiveness of the Oxford Design Review Panel.	Planning and Regulatory Services	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services
Grant Allocations to Community and Voluntary Organisations 2016/17	Yes	A monitoring report on the reported achievements resulting from grants allocations will be submitted to the City Executive Board in June 2017.	Customer and Corporate Services, Culture and Communities	Jackie Yates, Executive Director Organisational Development and Corporate Services

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TO BE SCHEDULED

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)	No	To receive a briefing on the emerging STP for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer
Disabled Students' Allowance	No	To consider the impacts of cuts to Disabled Students' Allowance on disabled students in the City.	Corporate Strategy and Economic Development	Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer

FINANCE PANEL

29 MARCH 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Brexit	No	To consider updated report on the impacts of Brexit for the City Council.	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Budget and Capital monitoring	No	To note the most recent budget monitoring report and receive a briefing on expected outturn.	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Service reviews	No	To consider the outcomes of comprehensive reviews of a number of service area budgets undertaken as part of this year's budget setting process.	Finance, Asset Management and Public Health	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

HOUSING PANEL

1 MARCH 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Housing performance - quarter 3	No	To consider a report on Council performance against a set of housing service measures chosen by the Panel.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property
Access to the private rented sector	No	To receive a briefing on Council support to people in receipt of Housing Benefit in accessing the private rented sector, including the rent guarantee scheme, Home Choice pilot and 'real lettings' property investments.	Housing	Dave Scholes, Housing Strategy & Needs Manager
Rough sleeping	No	To consider how the Council deals with people sleeping rough including those with no recourse to public funds.	Community Safety, Housing	Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Officer
Allocation of Homelessness Prevention Funds in 2017/18	Yes	To agree the allocation of the homelessness prevention funds with the purpose of meeting the objectives of the homelessness strategy. Funding is recommended to services/projects working to prevent and/or tackle homelessness and rough sleeping	Housing	Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Officer

26 APRIL 2017 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Great Estates update	No	To receive an update on progress made in developing masterplans for estates and working up and delivering a rolling programme of priority improvement schemes.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property

Empty garages and former garage sites	No	To receive an update on how the Council is dealing with empty garages and former garage sites.	Housing	Martin Shaw, Property Services Manager
Empty Property Strategy	No	To receive a briefing on the Council's approaches to dealing with empty properties in the City ahead of a refresh of the Council's Empty Property Strategy 2013-18.	Housing	Melanie Mutch, Empty Property Officer (Private Sector)
Leaseholder relationships	No	To consider Council relationships with leaseholders including the views of individual leaseholders.	Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property

HOUSING PANEL - TO BE SCHEDULED

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Private Sector Licencing	Yes	To pre-scrutinise any decisions on proposals to extend licencing to the non-HMO private rented sector.	Planning and Regulatory Services	Ian Wright, Environmental Health Service Manager
Flexible tenancies	Yes	To pre-scrutinise any decisions on the local implementation of government plans to prevent local authorities in England from offering secure tenancies for life to new council tenants in most circumstances.	Housing	Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager