

# Scrutiny Work Plan

February 2026 to May 2026

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The Scrutiny Committee agrees an annual work plan detailing key issues – affecting Oxford and its people – selected for review. While the plan sets out the work of scrutiny for the year, it also includes flexibility to address topical issues and forthcoming Cabinet decisions as they arise.

The Work Plan is informed by suggestions received from elected members and senior officers, and it is reviewed at every Scrutiny Committee meeting to ensure it remains current and relevant. Members of the public are invited to contribute topics for consideration by submitting a [suggestion form](#). See our [Get Involved](#) webpage for further details on how you can participate in the work of scrutiny.

Topics included in the plan may be examined directly by the Scrutiny Committee, delegated to standing Working Groups, or explored in greater depth by time-limited Review Groups. Recommendations from the Working Groups and Review Groups need to be endorsed by the Committee.

The Committee also reviews the Council's [Forward Plan](#) at each meeting and determines which Cabinet decisions it wishes to consider before the decision is made. In addition, the Council has a 'call in' process to allow decisions made by the Cabinet to be reviewed by the Committee before they are implemented.

## Scrutiny Committee

| Committee/Working Group | Meeting date    | Reports                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Scrutiny Committee      | 3 February 2026 | Debt Recovery Procedure    |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 3 February 2026 | AI Strategy                |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 3 February 2026 | Noticeboards Update        |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 3 February 2026 | Budget Review Group Report |

## Climate and Environment Working Group

| Committee/Working Group   | Meeting date     | Reports             |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 February 2026 | Net Zero Tracker    |
| Climate and   | 25 February      | Heat Network Update |

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| Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)             | 2026             |  |
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 February 2026 | EV Infrastructure Update                           |
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 February 2026 | Shared Prosperity Fund Allocation and Green Skills |

## Housing and Homelessness Working Group

| Committee/Working Group  | Meeting date     | Reports   |
|--|------------------|---|
| Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 26 February 2026 | Allocations Scheme Review                                   |
| Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 26 February 2026 | Measures to meet growing demand for Temporary Accommodation |

## Scrutiny Committee

| Committee/Working Group | Meeting date  | Reports  |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Scrutiny Committee      | 10 March 2026 | Fly-tipping and Litter Management                    |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 10 March 2026 | Nighttime Economy                                    |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 10 March 2026 | More Leisure Annual Service Plan (Year 3) and Update |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 10 March 2026 | WMB and CIL report                                   |

## Finance and Performance Working Group

| Committee/Working Group   | Meeting date  | Reports  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 March 2026 | Procurement Act Update (including social value and impact)                       |
| Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 March 2026 | Issues faced by the Local Government Sector and how Oxford City Council Compares |
| Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 March 2026 | Quarterly Integrated Performance Report - Q3 2025/26                             |

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| Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 25 March 2026 | OCHL Business Plan |
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### Housing and Homelessness Working Group

| Committee/Working Group  | Meeting date  | Reports   |
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| Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 31 March 2026 | Housing Performance                                       |
| Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 31 March 2026 | Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code Self-Assessment |
| Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 31 March 2026 | Temporary Accommodation and Homelessness Update           |

### Climate and Environment Working Group

| Committee/Working Group   | Meeting date | Reports                                 |
|---|--------------|---|
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 1 April 2026 | Local Area Energy Planning Update       |
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 1 April 2026 | Biodiversity Strategy Update            |
| Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) | 1 April 2026 | Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Study |

### Scrutiny Committee

| Committee/Working Group | Meeting date | Reports                     |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Scrutiny Committee      | 7 April 2026 | Urgent Key Decisions Update |
| Scrutiny Committee      | 7 April 2026 | Watercourses and Ditches    |

### Finance and Performance Working Group

| Committee/Working Group | Meeting date  | Reports     |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Finance and             | 14 April 2026 | No business |

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| Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee) |  |  |
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