

Scrutiny Work Plan

August 2026 to November 2026

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The Work Plan is agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at each of its meetings, detailing key issues affecting Oxford and its people, with the plan being informed by suggestions received from elected members and senior officers. 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	11 August 2026	Use of CIL funding to support infrastructure and public realm related to the Cowley Branch Line (Report for Cabinet)

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	HRA Policies
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Annual Review of the Housing, Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-28
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Oxfordshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (2026-2028)
Housing and Homelessness	2 September 2026	Annual Complaint Performance and Service Improvement Report and Self-

Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)		Assessment against the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code 2025-26
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Housing Competence and Conduct

Scrutiny Committee

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Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Gloucester Green Market (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Community Safety Service Redesign (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	13 October 2026	Pavement and Road Maintenance (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	13 October 2026	Community Engagement and Procurement Plan (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	13 October 2026	Annual Safeguarding Report (Cabinet Report)

Climate and Environment

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Independent Remuneration Panel	20 October 2026	Net Zero Tracker
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	20 October 2026	Air Quality Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	20 October 2026	Waste and Recycling Programme and ODS Services (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Development Sites Update

Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Finance Report
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Strategic Overview of Risk
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Dividend Policy
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Reserves Policy
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Scheme of Delegation

Housing and Homelessness

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Services Performance Report
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Resident Engagement “You Said, We Did” Report
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Consumer Standards Improvement Plan

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Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	10 November 2026	Update to Council's Responsibilities for Watercourses and Ditches (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Finance and Performance

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and	25 November	No items

Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2026	
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