

SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

July 2018 - October 2018

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The Scrutiny Committee agrees a work plan every year detailing selected issues that affect Oxford or its people. 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 start of the 2018-19 council year and will be reviewed at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

The work plan is based on suggestions received from all elected members and senior 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 consideration of the issue timely?
- Is it a corporate priority?
- Is the issue of significant public interest?
- Can Scrutiny influence and add value?
- Is it an area of high expenditure, income or savings?

Some topics will be considered at Scrutiny Committee meetings and others will be delegated to 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	Membership
Scrutiny Committee	Overall management of the Council's scrutiny function.	Councillors; Andrew Gant (Chair), David Henwood (Vice-Chair), Mohammed Altaf-Khan, Lubna Arshad, Nadine Bely-Summers, Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini, Alex Donnelly, James Fry, Pat Kennedy, Craig Simmons, Christine Simm.
Finance Panel	Finance and budgetary issues and decisions	Councillors; James Fry (Chair), Mohammed Altaf-Khan, David Henwood, Chewe Munkonge, Craig Simmons, Roz Smith.
Housing Panel	Strategic housing and landlord issues and decisions	Councillors; David Henwood (Chair), Lubna Arshad, Nadine Bely-Summers, Richard Howlett, Angie Goff, Mike Gotch, Dick Wolff
Companies Panel	To scrutinise shareholder decisions relating to wholly Council-owned companies.	Councillors; James Fry (Chair), Tiago Corais, David Henwood, Tom Landell-Mills, Chewe Munkonge, Craig Simmons.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 JULY 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Quarter 4 Council Performance Report 2017/18	No	To consider the Council's year end performance for 2017/18.	Various	Liz Godin, Corporate Governance Manager
Annual Scrutiny Report 2017/18	No	To consider the content of the Annual Scrutiny Report, before it is designed for full council consideration and wider publication.	Economic Development and Partnerships	Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer.
Appointments to Scrutiny Review Groups	No	To appoint members to the Local Connection and Tourism Management Review Groups.	Economic Development and Partnerships	Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer

30 JULY 2018 – (This meeting is reserved for the consideration of any priority decisions to be taken by CEB during the August recess period)

6 SEPTEMBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Planning and Regulatory Services Improvement Plan	No	To consider progress made against the Planning and Regulatory Services Improvement Plan	Planning and Transport	Patsy Dell, Head of Planning and Regulatory
Quarter 1 Council Performance Report 2018/19	No	To consider the Council's performance for Quarter 1 of 2018/19.	Various	Liz Godin, Corporate Governance Manager
Air Quality Annual Status Report	Yes	To consider the Air Quality Annual Status Report.	Safer, Greener, Oxford	Jo Colwell, Environmental Sustainability Manager
East Oxford Community Centre - Improvement Scheme	Yes	To present an improvement scheme for the East Oxford Community Centre following public consultation.	Supporting Local Communities	Vicky Trietline, Development Project Management Surveyor

8 OCTOBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Draft Local Plan	Yes	To present the draft Local Plan following public consultation on the preferred option.	Planning and Transport	Sarah Harrison, Senior Planner
The Sustainability Strategy	Yes	To consider the revised Sustainability Strategy, which will go to CEB for approval for public consultation.	Safer, Greener, Oxford	Mai Jarvis, Environmental Quality Team Manager

6 NOVEMBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Workplace Equalities	No	To consider the diversity of the council's workforce, and strategies in place to promote workplace equalities.	Customer Focussed Services	Helen Bishop, Head of Business Improvement
Quarter 2 Council Performance Report 2018/19	No	To consider the Council's performance for Quarter 2 of 2018/19.	Various	Liz Godin, Corporate Governance Manager
Impacts of the Westgate Shopping Centre	No	To consider plans for the reopening of the Westgate Shopping Centre including public transport, parking and city centre management.	Economic Development and Partnerships /	Tim Sadler, Director for Sustainable City

			Culture and City	
Review of Financial Inclusion Strategy	Yes	A report reviewing the first year of the three year Strategy agreed in 2017.	Economic Development and Partnerships	Paul Wilding, Programme Manager Revenue & Benefits

4 DECEMBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Monitoring grants to Community/Voluntary Organisations 2017/18	Yes	To monitor the reported achievements resulting from Community and Voluntary Grant allocations for 2017/18	Supporting Local Communities	Julia Tomkins, Grants & External Funding Officer
Planning Annual Monitoring Report 2017-2018	Yes	The AMR monitors the implementation of policies in the Core Strategy 2026 and the Sites and Housing Plan 2011-2026.	Planning and Transport	Amanda Ford, Principal Planner

FINANCE PANEL

4 JULY 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
The Local implications of Brexit	No	To monitor and consider the impacts of Brexit on the Council and the local economy.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Quarterly Integrated Report, Finance & Performance Q4	Yes	Quarterly Integrated Report, including Finance, Performance Management and Risk	Finance, Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager

10 SEPTEMBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Monitoring social value	No	To consider the case and opportunities for monitoring social value through integrated financial, social and environmental accounting.	Finance, Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Legal Services Income Generation	No	To consider the Council's income generation through Legal Services	Finance, Asset Management	Anita Bradley, Head of Law and Governance

Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20	Yes	To review the Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Finance, Asset Management	Paul Wilding, Programme Manager Revenue & Benefits
Treasury Management Annual Report	Yes	To consider the Treasury Management Performance Report	Finance, Asset Management	Bill Lewis, Financial Accounting Manager
Quarterly Integrated Report, Finance & Performance Q1	Yes	Quarterly Integrated Report, including, Finance, Performance Management and Risk	Finance, Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager

HOUSING PANEL

5 JULY - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
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
Quarterly Housing Performance Report	No	To review the quarterly performance report for Housing Services.	Housing / Leisure and Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing

11 OCTOBER 2018 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Decision	Description	CEB Portfolio	Report Contact
Oxford Rent Guarantee Scheme Pilot Review	Yes	Review of the two year pilot to know if this pilot is to continue	Housing	David Rundle, Private Rented Team Leader
Draft Local Plan (Housing Policies)	Yes	To review the policies contained within the draft Local Plan.	Housing	Sarah Harrison, Senior Planner
Draft Repairs and Exemption Scheme Policy 2019	Yes	To seek approval from members to consult on proposed changes to the Repairs Exemption Scheme Policy relating to Council tenancies.	Housing	Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager

COMPANIES PANEL

The Companies Panel will meet prior to meetings of the Shareholder Groups. Provisional dates for the Companies Panel are outlined below.

26 JULY 2018

11 SEPTEMBER 2018

25 OCTOBER 2018

12 DECEMBER 2018

3 JANUARY 2019