

SCRUTINY WORK PLAN

October 2019 - May 2020

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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 Cabinet. This document represents the work of scrutiny for the 2019-20 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 TOPIC criteria will be used by the Scrutiny Committee to evaluate and prioritise suggested topics:

- Timely – is it timely to consider the issue?
- Oxford priority – is it a council priority?
- Public interest – is it of significant public interest?
- Influence – can Scrutiny have a meaningful influence?
- Cost – is there a significant financial impact?

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 Cabinet 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), Mohammed Altaf-Khan, Lubna Arshad, Nadine Bely-Summers, Tiago Corais, Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini, Alex Donnelly, James Fry, Richard Howlett, Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan, Joe McManners (Vice Chair), Craig Simmons.
Finance Panel	Finance and budgetary issues and decisions	Councillors; James Fry (Chair), Chewe Munkonge, Craig Simmons, Roz Smith.
Housing Panel	Strategic housing and landlord issues and decisions	Councillors; Nadine Bely-Summers (Chair), Mike Gotch, Richard Howlett Sian Taylor, Elizabeth Wade, Dick Wolff and a tenant co-optee.
Companies Panel	Shareholder function for companies and joint ventures	Councillors; James Fry (Chair), Tom Landell Mills, Chewe Munkonge, Craig Simmons.

Current and planned review groups

Topic	Remit	Membership
Review 1 TBC	TBC	TBC
Budget Review 2020/21	To review the 2020/21 budget proposals.	Finance Panel Membership

Indicative timings of review groups

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April
Review 1 TBC	Scope agreed	Evidence gathering		Paused for Budget Review		Evidence gathering	Reporting	
Budget review			Scoping	Evidence gathering		Reporting		

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

NO MEETING ALLOCATED

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Cycling / condition of cycle lanes	Yes	To be scoped. The Committee received several submissions from the public concerning the condition and quality of cycle lanes in the City. The case was made that improvements would ease pollution and congestion and improve safety.	Healthy Oxford	Jo Colwell, Service Manager Environmental Sustainability
Community wealth building	Yes	To consider what actions the Council could take, such as in Preston, to advance economic equality, social value and the positive impact of anchor institutions and local supply chains in the City.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Matthew Peachey, Economic Development Manager
Apprentices and NEETs	Yes	To consider the Council's and Oxford Direct Service's future plans for employing apprentices. This may include inviting the County Council to set out their work to support people not in education, employment or training (NEET).	Supporting Local Communities	Paul Adams, HR & Payroll Manager
Public participation in decision making and citizen involvement	Yes	To consider how the public could be better engaged with council decision making, such as through public meetings, consultations and other public forums, for example. A draft scoping document has been prepared for a possible scrutiny review.	Zero Carbon Oxford, Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager

1 OCTOBER 2019 - REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Commissioning of services at Floyds Row	Yes	Report outlining the short and longer term plans for the commissioning of services for rough sleepers and single homeless people at Floyds Row and seeking approval to commission the services in the first instance via short term contracting arrangements.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Rachel Lawrence, Rough Sleeping and Single Homelessness Manager
Modernising Leisure Concessions	Yes	With the introduction of Universal Credit it is timely to review concessions to make sure they are effectively targeted to meet the council's strategic objectives.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services

Integrated Performance Report for Quarter 1 2019/20	Yes	Financial and Performance data for Q1 2019/20	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager
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5 NOVEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Oxpens Lane Redevelopment Update	Yes	The report is an update position on the redevelopment of the Oxpens Lane key City Centre site; the required delivery structure to take the project forward and the procurement of a preferred development partner. The City Council has formed a joint venture company, OxWED, with Nuffield College to progress the delivery of this scheme	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development)
The Oxford Waterways Project	Yes	To consider the current condition of the waterways network, and plans or options for improving its offer. This includes facilities and plans for future mooring provision for permanent long-term dwellers.	Zero Carbon Oxford	Tim Wiseman, Oxford Waterways Coordinator
Universal Credit	Yes	To consider the impact that the roll out of Universal Credit is having on the Council's finances, and on residents.	Safer Communities and Customer Focused Services, Supporting Local Communities	Tanya Bandekar, Service Manager Revenue & Benefits
Draft Corporate Strategy 20-24 - For consultation	Yes	Approval to externally consult on draft new Corporate Strategy to replace current Corporate Plan 16-20	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Shelley Ghazi, Policy and Partnerships Officer
Annual Workplace Equality Report and update on Equalities Action Plan	Yes	A legal requirement to publish equality performance data relating to the demographics of the workforce.	Safer Communities and Customer Focused Services	Paul Adams, HR & Payroll Manager

3 DECEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
East Oxford Community Centre - Improvement Scheme	Yes	To present an improvement scheme for the East Oxford Community Centre following public consultation.	Supporting Local Communities	Hagan Lewisman, Active Communities Manager

Annual Monitoring Report 2018/19	Yes	The AMR report is a statutory requirement providing information as to the extent to which the policies set out in the Local Plan are being achieved and the implementation of the Local Development Scheme.	Planning and Sustainable Transport	Amanda Ford, Planning Policy Team Leader
Citizen's Assembly on Climate Change: Outcomes	No	Outcomes of the Citizen's Assembly on Climate Change 2019	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships, Councillor Tom Hayes Councillor Tom Hayes, Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager
Performance Monitoring - 2019/20 Quarter 2	Yes	For the Committee to consider Council performance against a set of corporate and service measures.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Helen Bishop, Head of Business Improvement

14 JANUARY 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Go Ultra Low Pilot	Yes	To consider the outcome of the Go Ultra Low Pilot and any next steps.	Zero Carbon Oxford	Jo Colwell, Service Manager Environmental Sustainability, Stefan Robinson, Scrutiny Officer
Planning for the 2020 Zero Emission Zone	Yes	To consider what work is underway in conjunction with the County Council to prepare for the introduction of the 2020 Zero Emission Zone in the City Centre.	Zero Carbon Oxford, Planning and Sustainable Transport	Jo Colwell, Service Manager Environmental Sustainability
Oxford City Council Business Plan 2020-21	Yes	1 year business plan setting out outcomes for the 20-21 financial year. This document will expand on the ambitions set out in Corporate Strategy 20-24	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Shelley Ghazi, Policy and Partnerships Officer

4 FEBRUARY 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Update of the 2016-2020 Corporate Plan (2020)	Yes	Annual update to the Corporate Plan detailing key achievements and future plans	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager
Corporate Strategy 20-24 - final draft for approval	Yes	Following external consultation this is submission of a final draft for approval	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Shelley Ghazi, Policy and Partnerships Officer

3 MARCH 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Climate Emergency / Carbon management	Yes	To consider the outcomes of the Citizens' Assembly and to review progress in the implementation of its recommendations / council carbon reduction policy and practice.	Zero Carbon Oxford	Jo Colwell, Service Manager Environmental Sustainability
Performance Monitoring - 2019/20 Quarter 3	Yes	For the Committee to consider Council performance against a set of corporate and service measures.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Helen Bishop, Head of Business Improvement

6 APRIL 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Council engagement with Oxford's diverse communities (Equalities Strategy)	Yes	To consider the outcome of the assessment of the Council's key services against the LGA's equalities framework.	Supporting Local Communities	Mish Tullar, Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager
Tourism Management Review Group Report - 12 month update	Yes	To consider a 12 month update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Tourism Management Review Group that were agreed by Cabinet.	Culture and City Centre	Matthew Peachey, Economic Development Manager
Economic and City Centre Strategies	Yes	New city-level and city centre strategies and actions are being developed from Sept 2019 to May 2019 with focus on triple bottom line actions: economic growth, social/equity, and environment.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Matthew Peachey, Economic Development Manager, Dan Hodge, Principal Regeneration & Economic Development Officer

FINANCE PANEL

5 DECEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Integrated Performance Report for Quarter 2 2019/20	Yes	Financial and Performance data for Q2 2019/20	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager
Budget Review 2019/20 - recommendations update	Yes	To monitor progress on the implementation of the recommendations made in regard to the Budget Review 2019/20.	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

6, 8 & 13 JANUARY 2020 - ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Consultation Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-22 to 2023-24	Yes	Draft Consultation Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-22 to 2023-24	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager

20 JANUARY 2020

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Treasury Mid-Year Report 2019/20	Yes	To report on the performance of the Treasury Management function for the 6 months to 30th September 2019	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Bill Lewis, Financial Accounting Manager

29 JANUARY 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21	Yes	To present the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/21 together with the Prudential Indicators for 2020/21 to 2023/24	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Bill Lewis, Financial Accounting Manager
Capital Strategy 2020/21 – 2024/25	Yes	To present the Capital Strategy for approval	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Bill Lewis, Financial Accounting Manager

Monitoring social value	Yes	To review the Council's current social value weighing in procurement of 5%.	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
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TBC MARCH 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Integrated Performance Report for Quarter 3 2019/20	Yes	Financial and Performance data for Q3 2019/20	Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management	Anna Winship, Management Accountancy Manager

HOUSING PANEL

NO MEETING ALLOCATED

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Tenant Satisfaction	Yes	To consider the outcome of the Tenant Satisfaction Survey for council tenants.	Affordable Housing	Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager
Private rented sector housing	Yes	To be scoped: consideration of housing issues in the private rented sector and the Council's response. Could include regulatory changes concerning no fault and revenge evictions and engagement with the tenants' union.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Head of Regulatory Services & Community Safety
Building Control - outcomes of the Hackitt Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety	Yes	To consider the outcomes of the Hackitt Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety.	Planning and Sustainable Transport	Ian Wright, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety, Paul Smith, Building Control Team Leader

3 OCTOBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Appointment of Housing Panel Co-optee 2019/20	No	To consider the appointment of Tony Buchanan as a tenant co-optee until the end of the civic year 2019/20, and to consider how to manage broadening involvement of non-OCC representatives		Tom Hudson, Scrutiny Officer

Housing performance - 2019/20 Quarter 1	Yes	For the Panel to consider performance against a set of housing measures.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing, Affordable Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services / Director Housing Companies
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7 NOVEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Housing and Homelessness Strategy mid-point update	Yes	To consider a mid-point review of the current Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-21.	Affordable Housing	Nerys Parry, Housing Strategy & Needs Manager
Outcome of the Homelessness Trailblazer and early intervention analysis	Yes	To review the outcome and lessons learnt from the Homelessness Trailblazer Project, which ends in 2019. Further, to consider a cost benefit analysis of early homelessness intervention to the Council and wider public services and systems.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Paul Wilding, System Change Manager - Homelessness Prevention
No local connection review	Yes	To consider the report of the No Local Connection Review Group.	Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Nerys Parry, Housing Strategy & Needs Manager
Community Land Trusts	Yes	To consider the benefits of community land trusts, and how they might help the Council deliver its Local Plan.	Affordable Housing, Planning and Sustainable Transport	Dave Scholes, Housing Strategy & Needs Manager (Affordable Housing Supply Lead)

5 MARCH 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Housing Performance - 2019/20 Quarter 3	Yes	For the Panel to consider performance against a set of housing measures.	Affordable Housing, Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Leisure and Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services / Director Housing Companies

8 APRIL 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Tenancy Management Standards	Yes	To consider performance and good practice in tenancy management standards with representatives from housing associations	Affordable Housing	Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services / Director Housing Companies

COMPANIES PANEL

16 JULY 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 - Oxford Direct Services	Yes	This report provides a set of the 2018/19 unaudited company and consolidated accounts, along with a draft Annual Report for the company Shareholder.	Safer Communities and Customer Focused Services	Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer, Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 - Housing Group	Yes	This report provides a set of the 2018/19 unaudited company and consolidated accounts, along with a draft Annual Report for the company Shareholder.	Affordable Housing	Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer, Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

19 SEPTEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Companies & Joint Ventures - Quarterly performance monitoring report 2019-20	Yes	Quarterly reports for the Council's companies and joint ventures.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer, Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

14 NOVEMBER 2019 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Companies & Joint Ventures - Quarterly performance monitoring report 2019-20	Yes	Quarterly reports for the Council's companies and joint ventures.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer, Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

12 MARCH 2020 - PROVISIONAL REPORTS

Agenda item	Cabinet item	Description	Cabinet portfolio	Lead officer
Companies & Joint Ventures - Quarterly performance monitoring report 2019-20	Yes	Quarterly reports for the Council's companies and joint ventures.	Leader, Economic Development and Partnerships	Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer, Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

