

## Scrutiny Priorities

May 2021 to September 2021

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**Key:**

Reports in **black** text are Cabinet reports

Reports in **green** text are Scrutiny-commissioned reports

Reports which are **greyed out** do not meet the threshold for Scrutiny consideration

### June 2021

**Scrutiny Operating Principles 2021/22**

Priority level: Very High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

To agree the Scrutiny Operating Principles and other administrative matters for the civic year 2021/22.

**Oxford City Council Safeguarding Report 2019/20**

Priority level: Very High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

To report on the progress made on the Oxford City Council's Safeguarding Action Plan 2019/20

**Covered Market Leasing Strategy**

Priority level: Very High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

There is a 10 year leasing strategy for the Covered Market which was agreed in 2015. The strategy is due to be refreshed at Year 5 (2020) to ensure it continues to reflect the ambitions and strategies for the Market.

**County-Wide Transformation of Rough Sleeping**

Priority level: Very High

Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel

To update and seek approval on various workstreams linked to the county-wide work

on rough sleeping and single homelessness

**The Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy – Homelessness Review and Evidence base**

Priority level: High  
Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel

A report presenting the findings of the homelessness review and wider evidence base that will inform the new Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy for Oxford, alongside the draft priorities for the new strategy, and seeks approval for the launch of a visioning consultation.

**Integrated Performance Report for Q4**

Priority level: High  
Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel

A report to Members on Finance, Risk & Performance as at the end of the financial year.

**Salix decarbonisation grant funding**

Priority level: High  
Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

To seek approval to use part of Salix grant funding for decarbonisation projects as a loan to the Low Carbon Hub.

**Wolvercote Neighbourhood Plan**

Priority level: High  
Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

The Wolvercote Neighbourhood Plan sets out statutory planning policies specific to the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Plan area. The document is to go to Council to be 'made' following the referendum.

**Housing First programme**

Priority level: Medium  
Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel

To seek project authorisation for a Housing First programme with the aim of supporting the council's objective to end rough sleeping.

**Approval to proceed and undertake the executive function of Cherwell District Council for housing allocation**

NA

<b>identified in the Duty to Cooperate.</b>	
Approval of exercising the Duty to Cooperate with Cherwell District Council to meet Oxfordshire's unmet housing need and an update on the wider Oxon district agreements with West Oxfordshire District Council, and South and Vale District Council.	

<b>Appointments to outside bodies</b>	<b>NA</b>
To agree appointments to charities, trusts, community associations and other organisations for the 2021/22 Council Year.	

## July 2021

<b>Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation document</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To approve the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Regulation 18 (Part 2) consultation document for public consultation.	

<b>Scrutiny Commissioned Reports</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To agree Scrutiny's preferred topics on which to commission reports for the civic year 2021/22.	

<b>Asset Management Strategy</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
The Asset Management Plan - strategy for the property portfolio for OCC	

<b>Scrutiny Performance Monitoring Priorities</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
To agree which KPIs Scrutiny will monitor for the forthcoming year	

<b>Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Strategy</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
No further details currently	

<b>Housing and the Green Agenda</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel
To hear the ways that the Council's Housing function is engaging with and contributing towards the Council's carbon-reduction ambitions.	

<b>Urban Forest Strategy</b>	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
The trees and vegetation that make up the urban forest provide a range of benefits such as habitat for biodiversity, carbon storage and flood protection. This strategy is for the whole city, not just City Council land and seeks to protect what we have, increase what we have, and engage communities and stakeholders in the process. The strategy has a target to increase the overall canopy cover for Oxford using the "right tree, right place" principle. The strategy highlights specific areas where there is particularly low canopy cover or where benefits can be maximised.	

<b>Determination of Shared Ownership Rent Levels</b>	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel
To determine future Shared Ownership rent levels.	

## August 2021

<b>Social Value in Procurement Update</b>	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
To receive an update report on the Council's integration of social value considerations as part of its procurement process	

<b>Tourism Review Group Update</b>	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To receive an update as previously requested by the Scrutiny Committee on the progress against agreed recommendations from the Tourism Review Group, and a more general update on the Council's activity for opening up tourism in the City as restrictions ease.	

## September 2021

<b>A report to set out the Council's Treasury Management activity and performance for the financial year 2020/2021</b>	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
A report to set out the Council's Treasury Management activity and performance for the financial year 2020/2021.	

<b>Integrated Performance Report for Q1</b>	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
A report to Members on Finance, Risk & Performance as at 30 June 2021.	

<b>Discretionary Housing Payment Policy</b>	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To review the operation of the Discretionary Housing Payment policy, and to amend the policy, if required.	

<b>Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23</b>	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
A report to seek approval for proposals to consult on the Council's Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23.	

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