

Scrutiny Priorities

November 2021 to January 2022

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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

November 2021

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| Anti-social behaviour Policy | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| Renewal of the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy. | |

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| East Oxford Community Centre and Housing Development | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| The Council has been working closely with the community in the East Oxford area and as a result of this intends to refurbish the existing East Oxford Community Centre building and also extending it with a new and highly efficient building. There will also be the provision of up to 26 housing units that will be situated across two sites. With an additional 2-4 units possible at Catherine Street should the Council look to dispose of the site. To enable the developments there will be demolition of four of the existing buildings that are no longer fit for purpose. | |

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| Responses to the Tenant Satisfaction Survey | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel |
| A report to update the Panel on the issues arising from the recently-completed tenant satisfaction survey of the Council's housing tenants. | |

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| Empty Homes | Priority level: High |
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| | Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel |
| An Introduction to the work of the Empty Homes Officer, the empty homes situation in Oxford and the options available to the Council to bring such homes back into use | |

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| Discretionary Housing Payment Policy | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel |
| To review the operation of the Discretionary Housing Payment policy, and to amend the policy, if required. | |

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| Local Growth Funded Workspaces | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| To seek approval to fund and enter into contract for the redevelopment of Standingford House and site at Cave Street, to provide affordable managed workspace. | |

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| Loan to Low Carbon Hub in relation to Ray Valley Solar Farm | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| To approve delegated authority to enter into a loan agreement with Low Carbon Hub in respect of Ray Valley Solar Farm and to approve a capital budget to enable payment of the loan. | |

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| Council Telephony Contracts Replacement | Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| Approval to proceed with the procurement and subsequent contract award(s) for a five year replacement to the existing BT OnePhone telephony contracts (fixed line and mobile) at a cost of less than and no more than the existing contract value of £1.8m. | |

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| Restructure of OxWED JV | Priority level: Low (already considered) Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| The current OxWed Joint Venture is to be restructured to create a new LLP. The new LLP will be more tax efficient than the current structure. | |

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| Use of Retained Right to Buy Receipts to increase the provision of more affordable housing | Priority level: Low Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel |
| The report seeks project approval and delegations to enable the spending of Retained Right to Buy Receipts for the purpose of delivering more affordable housing, through new build or acquisition activity. | |

December 2021

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| Budget 2022/23 | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny Budget Review Group (to be considered in January 2022) |
| Consultation Budget for 2022/23 and proposed Medium Term Financial Plan | |

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| Workplace Equalities and Action Plan | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| A report to seek approval for the publication of the annual Workforce Equality Report and report on progress on the Equalities Action Plan 2018 to 2021. | |

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| Annual Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| Approval of the Annual Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement for publication. | |

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| Oxford City Council's Net Zero Targets and Green Gas Purchasing (in combination with Climate Emergency Review Group update) | Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| Consideration of a report in which Cabinet is asked to agree a revision to the Council's net zero targets and a diversion of funds from green gas purchase and offsetting to a Net Zero Transition Fund following advice received from the Council's Scientific Adviser, Professor Nick Eyre. Also, to hear an update on the Council's activities in relation to the recommendations of the Climate Emergency Review Group | |

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| Small Sites Development Proposal | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| To seek approval for the process for the evaluation of the small sites in OCC ownership and recommendations for development for affordable housing, retention or disposal. | |

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| Determination of Shared Ownership Rent Levels | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| To determine future Shared Ownership rent levels. | |

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| Asset Management Strategy (possibly in combination with the requested report by the Finance and Performance Panel on the same topic) | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel |
| The Asset Management Plan - strategy for the property portfolio for OCC. | |

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| Treasury Management Mid-Year Report | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance |
| To hear an update on the Council's activities in relation to carbon reduction, focusing on the progress of retrofitting its own housing stock, learning from recent net zero building pilots, and the specifications of the Council's stock as being developed by OCHL. | |

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| Integrated Performance Report Q2 | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel |
| A report to Members on Finance, Risk & Performance as at 30 September 2021. | |

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| ODS Tree Management Capacity | Priority level: Medium |
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| | Preferred Forum: Companies Panel |
| Consideration of the capacity of ODS to manage the growth in Council-owned tree numbers arising from the Urban Forest Strategy. | |

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| Approaches to Procurement | Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| A report to introduce the Council's procurement processes for consideration by the Committee. | |

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| Proposal to Remove and Sell Car Parking Decking from Oxpens Car Park | Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
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| Development of Land at South Oxford Science Village | Priority level: Low Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| Following the report to Cabinet on 13 October 2021 concerning delivery of land that is part of the South Oxford Science Village and options for the delivery of development at the site, a further report to agree the delivery vehicle for the project. | |

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| Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23 | Priority level: Low Preferred Forum: Scrutiny |
| A report to seek approval for the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23 following consultation. | |

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