

Scrutiny Priorities

January 2022 to March 2022

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January 2022

Climate Emergency Review Group

Priority level: Very High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

To hear an update on the Council's activities in relation to the recommendations of the Climate Emergency Review Group.

Approaches to Procurement

Priority level: High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

A report to introduce the Council's procurement processes for consideration by the Committee.

Proposal to Remove and Sell Car Parking Decking from Oxpens Car Park

Priority level: Medium

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

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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.

February 2022

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	

Allocation of Homelessness Prevention Funds	Priority level: Very high Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel
A report to approve the allocation of homelessness prevention funds for 2022/23.	

Oxfordshire Recovery and Renewal Network	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To seek Oxford City Council approval for the development of a system wide framework and a shared approach and priorities for recovery and renewal from the COVID-19 period. This is being put forward for adoption by all Oxfordshire Councils and other statutory partners to reinforce the strong operational collaboration extended and established through the pandemic. The framework seeks to connect sector and organisational specific recovery planning, linking existing plans and strategies. It focuses in particular on shared economic recovery that leads to shared prosperity, better health and wellbeing and stronger communities - underpinned by measures to tackle climate change and address inequalities.	

Grant Allocations to Voluntary Sector Organisations	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
A report to make decisions on the allocation of grants to the community and voluntary organisations for 2022/2023.	

Oxfordshire Plan 2050: Summary of Regulation 18 Responses and Next Steps	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To update Cabinet on latest position in relation to the Oxon Plan 2050 and to seek any agreements needed at that point.	

Treasury Management Strategy	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel
A report to present the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 for approval.	

Capital Strategy	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance
A report to present the Capital Strategy for 2022/23 for approval.	

Designation of Neighbourhood Planning Area and Neighbourhood Planning Forum – Hinksey Park	Priority level: Medium Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
Cabinet is asked to consider proposals for a new neighbourhood planning forum and the designation of a neighbourhood planning area. These applications have been received from a new local group seeking the status of a neighbourhood planning forum, who wish to engage with the planning processing affecting their area, with the potential of developing a neighbourhood plan in the future. The proposed area for designation is Hinksey Park, following the current ward boundaries.	

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.	

March 2022

Annual Update of the Council's Business Plan	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
A report to present the annual update of the Council's Business Plan.	

Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy	Priority level: Very High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
Cabinet will be asked to agree the new EDI strategy that has been developed following in-depth discussions with the community	

Safeguarding Report	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
To report on the progress made on the Oxford City Council's Safeguarding Action Plan 2020/21.	

Food Strategy	Priority level: High Preferred Forum: Scrutiny
<p>Development of a Countywide Food strategy, working with key partners such as Good Food Oxford, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire District Council and the Community Food system within the City.</p> <p>That addresses the causes of food poverty as part of our wider anti-poverty work. This should include the following:</p> <p>Taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The National Food Strategy; o The considerable work undertaken by this Council to address inequality and to tackle food poverty during the pandemic; o Being a signatory to the Oxford Good Food Charter; o The excellent work of Oxford's voluntary sector to tackle food poverty; o Recommendations on achieving a self-sustaining community food system and Council's role in supporting this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing together the views and knowledge of our food network partners to better understand the current root causes of food poverty, and a shared action plan to implement meaningful solutions. • Tackling child food poverty by campaigning to address holiday hunger, increasing take up of free school meals and access to food larders for families with children. • Continuing to use relationships with supermarkets to divert surplus food to those in need and minimise waste to help eliminate Oxford's contribution to climate change by 2040 or sooner, in line with the Zero Carbon Oxford Charter and 	

recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change.

Draft Oxford Playing Pitches Strategy

Priority level: High

Preferred Forum: Scrutiny

This is the Draft City strategy to support and encourage participation in sport and physical activity, through a robust fit for purpose framework that promotes accessible affordable and sustainable playing pitch and outdoor space provision to meet both the current and future local needs.

Housing Assistance and Disabled Adaptation Policy

Priority level: High

Preferred Forum: Housing and Homelessness Panel

To seek agreement to necessary changes to the Housing Assistance and Disabled Adaptation Policy.

Integrated Performance Report Q3

Priority level: Medium

Preferred Forum: Finance and Performance Panel

A report to Members on Finance, Risk & Performance as at 31 December 2021.

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