

Current Suggestions for 2024/25 Scrutiny Work Plan

Councillor and senior officer suggestions received to date:

- Implementation of Refugee Resettlement in Oxford – evaluation, lessons learnt, improvements
- Alternative ‘innovative’ solutions to the housing crisis
- Housing and Carbon Reduction – impact of decarbonisation of Council homes on tenants (mid-way through the 2yr SHDF works, lessons learned from LAD1B) – EPCs of HRA Stock (inc timetable for full set etc)
- Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) annual reporting on progress against all agreed pledges and also full list of pledges to identify any further potential pledges to sign-up to (from July 2024)
- Annual review of Citizen Experience Strategy
- Waste/Waste Strategy
- Tree Maintenance
- Report back to Scrutiny Committee on arrangements from Leisure Services Contract Award (January 2024) – update on the arrangements established for the effective commissioning, delivery and management of the leisure services contract – including the arrangements established to ensure a smooth transition to the new provider.
- Landlord Services Transformation (Social Housing (Regulation) Act Compliance) [presentation]
- Fleet Decarbonisation Update
- Council-wide Data and Mapping
- Local Area Energy planning and mitigation measures regarding local grid constraints
- Heat Network & Zoning
- Oxford Climate Emergency Centre (progress following motion passed at Full Council on 02 October 2023)
- Loss and Damage to the Council as a result of climate change (e.g. costs incurred by the Council as a result of recent flooding) and how this could be addressed/funded
- Innovative longer-term partnership projects and funding initiatives that the Council could get involved in
- Internal Council governance – including ensuring there is a clear client, clear responsibility and clear documentation setting out policy/process
- Implementation of Selective Licensing (Year 2)
- Adult Exploitation and Modern Slavery
- Tourism
- Comparative analysis of current overall slippage of Capital Programme and how that aligns with 40% optimism bias assumptions in MTFP 2024/25 to 2027/28
- Biodiversity Net Gain – Biodiversity Units Feasibility Study (*see officer decision [here](#)*)

Regular/standard items:

Scrutiny Committee	Finance and Performance Panel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Abuse Review Group Update • Child Poverty Review Group Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny-commissioned performance reports (June – Q4 2023/24; September – Q1 2024/25; December – Q2 2024/25; January – no report; March – Q3 2024/25) • Social Value/Impact in Procurement • Issues faced by the Local Government Sector and how Oxford City Council Compares (annual) • Exempt Treasury Management Matters [discussion item]
Housing and Homelessness Panel	Climate and Environment Panel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing performance (biannual - June/July and November meetings) • Building Safety & Compliance (biannual – June/July and November meetings) • Tenants’ Forum Update • Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Mini-review Update • Housing Complaint Handling Performance (biannual – Q1&2 Nov/Dec; Q3&4 & Annual Report June/July) • City of Sanctuary Accreditation – progress update (annual) • Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code Self-Assessment (annual – March) • Tenant Satisfaction (STAR) Survey (annual – March) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Review Group Update • Waterways Update • Annual Air Quality Status Report (and accompanying executive summary as recommended by Panel in 2023) – annual, September meeting • Net Zero Masterplan • Biodiversity strategy/action plan • Environment Act reporting • Citizens Assembly on Climate Change

Cabinet items on the Forward Plan (officer suggestions):

- Tree Management Policy (June)
- HRA Energy Efficiency Projects 2024/25 (June)
- Framework for the installation of renewable technologies in Council owned properties (June)
- Oxford City Council Corporate Strategy 2024/2028 (July)
- Housing, Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-28 Action Plan (July)
- Temporary Accommodation Demand and Mitigations (July)
- Integrated Performance Report Q4 2023/24 (July)
- Integrated Performance Report Q4 2022/23 (July)
- Oxford City Council Safeguarding Report 2023/24 (August)

- Thriving Communities Strategy Update (August)
- Citizen Experience Strategy Progress Report (August)
- Council of Sanctuary Framework (September)
- Joint Venture LLP for South Oxford Science Village (September)
- Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24 (September)
- Integrated Performance Report Q1 2024/25 (September)

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