

Scrutiny Work Plan

September 2025 to November 2025

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The Scrutiny Committee agrees an annual work plan detailing key issues – affecting Oxford and its people – selected for review. While the plan sets out the work of scrutiny for the year, it also includes flexibility to address topical issues and forthcoming Cabinet decisions as they arise.

The Work Plan is informed by suggestions received from elected members and senior officers, and it is reviewed at every Scrutiny Committee meeting to ensure it remains current and relevant. Members of the public are invited to contribute topics for consideration by submitting a [suggestion form](#). See our [Get Involved](#) webpage for further details on how you can participate in the work of scrutiny.

Topics included in the plan may be examined directly by the Scrutiny Committee, delegated to standing Working Groups, or explored in greater depth by time-limited Review Groups. Recommendations from the Working Groups and Review Groups need to be endorsed by the Committee.

The Committee also reviews the Council's [Forward Plan](#) at each meeting and determines which Cabinet decisions it wishes to consider before the decision is made. In addition, the Council has a 'call in' process to allow decisions made by the Cabinet to be reviewed by the Committee before they are implemented.

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2025	Introduction on the Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2025	Re-procurement of Housing First support service
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2025	Housing Performance
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2025	Annual update on Allocations and Lettings

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 September 2025	Heat Network Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 September 2025	EV Infrastructure Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 September 2025	Local Area Energy Planning

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	9 September 2025	Citizen and Community Engagement Policy 2025
Scrutiny Committee	9 September 2025	Budget Review Group Scope

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	11 September 2025	Online Payments System Rollout - Update Report
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	11 September 2025	Quarterly Integrated Performance Report - Q4 2024/25
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	11 September 2025	Quarterly Integrated Performance Report Q1 2025/26
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	11 September 2025	Optimism Bias relating to sizeable commercial properties in the city centre

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working	8 October 2025	Net Zero Tracker

Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)		
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	8 October 2025	Biodiversity Strategy and Environment Act update

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	14 October 2025	Annual Safeguarding Report
Scrutiny Committee	14 October 2025	Project Approval and Delegations for Westlands Drive and Halliday Hill affordable housing scheme
Scrutiny Committee	14 October 2025	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	29 October 2025	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27

Scrutiny Committee – Special meeting

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	3 November 2025	Local Government Reorganisation

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	11 November 2025	Devolution

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 November 2025	Housing Complaint Handling Performance (Q1 and Q2)
Housing and	4 November	Resident Involvement Strategy 2025-27

Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2025	
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 November 2025	Housing Carbon Reduction

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	Quarterly Integrated Performance Report - Q2 2025/26
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	Delivery options for land at Oxpens

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	2 December 2025	Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy