

Scrutiny Work Plan

October 2025 to January 2026

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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.

Scrutiny Committee

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

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	29 October 2025	Online Payments System Rollout - Update Report
Finance and Performance Working	29 October 2025	OX Place - 2024/25 Annual Accounts and Dividend

Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)		
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	29 October 2025	OX Place - Options Review

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 Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 November 2025	Resident Involvement Strategy 2025-27
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	4 November 2025	Housing Carbon Reduction

Scrutiny Committee - Special

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	5 November 2025	Local Government Reorganisation

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	11 November 2025	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Emission Standards

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	17 November 2025	Net Zero Tracker
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	17 November 2025	Biodiversity Strategy and Environment Act update
Climate and	17 November	Draft Air Quality Action Plan

Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2025	
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	17 November 2025	Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	ODS Business Plan and Acquisitons update

Scrutiny Committee

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

Budget Review Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Items
BRG Meeting 1	9 December 2025	<i>As agreed on the BRG scope</i>
BRG Meeting 2	6 January 2026	<i>As agreed on the BRG scope</i>
BRG Meeting 3	7 January 2026	<i>As agreed on the BRG scope</i>
BRG Meeting 4	15 January 2026	<i>As agreed on the BRG scope</i>
BRG Meeting 5	30 January 2026	<i>As agreed on the BRG scope</i>

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Scrutiny Committee	13 January 2025	<i>No items at this stage</i>

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	27 January 2025	Biodiversity Strategy Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	27 January 2025	Local Area Energy Planning Update