

Scrutiny Work Plan

November 2025 to February 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 - Special

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

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

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	13 November 2025	Building Safety & Compliance (Q1 and Q2)
Housing and	13 November	Housing Complaint Handling Performance

Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2025	(Q1 and Q2)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	13 November 2025	Resident Involvement Strategy 2025-27
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	13 November 2025	Housing Carbon Reduction

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 Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	17 November 2025	Draft Air Quality Action Plan

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	Treasury Annual Report
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	OxWED Delivery Strategy for Oxford West End
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 November 2025	ODS Business Plan and Acquisitions update

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	2 December	Devolution

	2025	
Scrutiny Committee	2 December 2025	Workforce Report 2025

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Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	13 January 2026	Local Plan 2045

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	27 January 2026	Biodiversity Strategy Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	27 January 2026	Local Area Energy Planning Update

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Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2026	Budget Review Group Report

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	18 February 2026	No items at this stage

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 February 2026	Net Zero Tracker
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 February 2026	Heat Network Update

Committee)		
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 February 2026	EV Infrastructure Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 February 2026	Shared Prosperity Fund Allocation and Green Skills
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 February 2026	Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Study