

Scrutiny Work Plan

March 2026 to June 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	3 February 2026	Debt Recovery Procedure
Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2026	AI Strategy
Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2026	Noticeboards Update
Scrutiny Committee	3 February 2026	Budget Review Group Report

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	25 February	Heat Network Update

Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2026	
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	Social Housing EPC C Update

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 February 2026	Allocations Scheme Review
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	26 February 2026	Measures to meet growing demand for Temporary Accommodation

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	10 March 2026	Fly-tipping and Litter Management
Scrutiny Committee	10 March 2026	Nighttime Economy
Scrutiny Committee	10 March 2026	More Leisure Annual Service Plan (Year 3) and Update

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 March 2026	Quarterly Integrated Performance Report - Q3 2025/26
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 March 2026	OCHL Business Plan
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 March 2026	OCHL Updates on Development Sites

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	31 March 2026	Housing Performance

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	1 April 2026	Local Area Energy Planning Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	1 April 2026	Biodiversity Strategy Update
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	1 April 2026	Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Study
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	1 April 2026	Shared Prosperity Fund and Green Skills

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	7 April 2026	Urgent Key Decisions Update
Scrutiny Committee	7 April 2026	Watercourses and Ditches
Scrutiny Committee	7 April 2026	WMB and CIL report

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	14 April 2026	Impacts of the congestion charge
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	14 April 2026	ODS Business Plan

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