

Scrutiny Work Plan

June 2026 to September 2026

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The Work Plan is agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at each of its meetings, detailing key issues affecting Oxford and its people, with the plan being informed by suggestions received from elected members and senior officers. 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	9 June 2026	Establishment of the Scrutiny Standing Working Groups and Review Group

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	16 June 2026	OX Place Financial Business Plan Spring 2026 (Report for SJVG)
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	16 June 2026	OX Place Development Sites Updates (Report for SJVG)
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	16 June 2026	OX Place Notification of Reserves and Dividends Policy, Scheme of Delegation (Report for SJVG)

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
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Group		
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	24 June 2026	Housing Services Performance Report Quarter 4 and Resident Engagement “You Said, We Did” Report Quarter 4 2025-26 (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	24 June 2026	Housing Consumer Standards Improvement Plan 2026-27 (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	24 June 2026	HRA Policies (Report for Cabinet)

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Scrutiny Committee	30 June 2026	Annual Review of the Council of Sanctuary Framework 2025-2028 (Report for Cabinet)
Scrutiny Committee	30 June 2026	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy (Report for Cabinet)

Climate and Environment Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	6 July 2026	Heat Network Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	6 July 2026	EV infrastructure, Community Energy Interim Policy and LAEP Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	6 July 2026	Waste and Recycling Programme and ODS Services (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	15 July 2026	ODS Executive Pay Policy (Report for SJVG)

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Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Annual Safeguarding Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Gloucester Green Market (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Community Safety Service Redesign (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Climate and Environment Working Group

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Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	17 September 2026	Air Quality Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

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Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	13 October 2026	Pavement and Road Maintenance (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

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