

Scrutiny Work Plan

September 2026 to December 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.

Housing and Homelessness Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	HRA Policies (Report for Cabinet)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Annual Review of the Housing, Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-28 (Report for Cabinet)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Oxfordshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (2026-2028) (Report for Cabinet)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Annual Complaint Performance and Service Improvement Report and Self-Assessment against the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code 2025-26 (Report for Cabinet)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	2 September 2026	Housing Competence and Conduct (Report for Cabinet)

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Gloucester Green Market (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2026	Community Safety Service Redesign (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Housing and Homelessness – Special meeting

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	TBC	Annual Lettings Plan (Report for Cabinet)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	TBC	Housing Services Performance Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	TBC	Resident Engagement “You Said, We Did” Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	TBC	Housing Consumer Standards Improvement Plan (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Scrutiny Committee

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

Climate and Environment

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	20 October 2026	Air Quality Action Plan Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Climate and Environment Working	20 October 2026	ZCOP Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)		
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Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Services Performance Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Resident Engagement “You Said, We Did” Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Consumer Standards Improvement Plan (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Finance and Performance Working Group

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Development Sites Update
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Finance Report
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Strategic Overview of Risk
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Dividend Policy
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Reserves Policy
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	28 October 2026	OX Place Formal approval of Scheme of Delegation

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Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Services Performance Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Resident Engagement “You Said, We Did” Report (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)
Housing and Homelessness Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	3 November 2026	Housing Consumer Standards Improvement Plan (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	10 November 2026	Update to Council's Responsibilities for Watercourses and Ditches (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Finance and Performance

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Finance and Performance Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	25 November 2026	No items

Scrutiny Committee

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Scrutiny Committee	1 December 2026	City-wide effects of Extreme Heat (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

Climate and Environment – Rescheduled meeting

Committee/Working Group	Meeting date	Reports
Climate and Environment Working Group (of the Scrutiny Committee)	TBC	Waste and Recycling Update (Scrutiny Commissioned Report)

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