

**URGENT BUSINESS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****Overview and Scrutiny Committee****17 June 2025**

Agenda Item Number	Page	Title	Officer Responsible	Reason Not Included with Original Agenda
7.	(Pages 3 - 6)	Work Programme Planning for 2025-2026	Emma Faulkner	Document under review at time of agenda publication.

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## Draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26

(Updated: 11 June 2025, to be considered by OSC 17 June 2025)

Items suggested for consideration in 2025-2026		
Subject	Content	Key Officers / Members
<b>Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership</b>  Attendance by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley	External Scrutiny - <b>Annual recurring item</b> To fulfil the Council's requirement regarding crime and disorder scrutiny to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions no less than once in every twelve-month period. All Members are invited to attend the meeting.	Ian Boll, Corporate Director Communities <b>Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities, Councillor Rob Parkinson</b>
<b>Safeguarding Annual Return</b>	Holding the Executive to account - <b>Annual recurring item</b>	Nicola Riley, Assistant Director Wellbeing <b>Portfolio Holder for healthy Communities, Councillor Rob Pattenden</b>
<b>Performance Monitoring</b>	Performance Monitoring – <b>Quarterly item</b> To consider Council's performance against indicators each quarter, and make any comments or recommendations to Executive	
<b>Transformation Programme</b> (may feed into Local Government	Holding the Executive to account.	Stephen Hinds, Corporate Director Resources and Transformation &

Reorganisation and Budget Planning) Suggestion from Chief Executive	To consider regular updates on the transformation programme; initial 'Case for Change' scheduled for Executive in July 2025, OSC involvement during implementation phase	Shona Ware, Assistant Director Customer Focus <b>Leader &amp; Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership, Councillor David Hingley</b>
<b>Local Government Reform</b>  Suggestion from Cllr Phil Chapman	Is there a role for OSC in the LGR discussion?	
<b>Service Levels</b>  Suggestion from Monitoring Officer	Holding the Executive to account  Following on from 'Case for Change' decision, scrutinising possible impact on service levels	Various
<b>Graven Hill</b> Carry over from 2024-25 work programme	Holding the Executive to account / External Scrutiny Multiple items across the year; September 2025 - update on Phase 2 of the site, performance during last financial year and governance arrangements. October 2025 – review planning process for Phase 2 July 2026, then annually – review of previous year's performance and monitoring of Phase 2 implementation.	Stephen Hinds, Shareholder Representative <b>Leader &amp; Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership, Councillor David Hingley</b>
<b>Action Plans stemming from Planning and Development</b> <b>To include:</b> • PAS Review	Holding the Executive to account Multiple items across the year; Scrutinising implementation of the various action plans	David Peckford, Assistant Director Planning & Development & Paul Seckington, Head of Development Management

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merton College PR9 Site Appeal</li> <li>• Housing Delivery Action Plan (as discussed at 3.6.25 Committee)</li> </ul> <p>Suggestion from Monitoring Officer</p>		<p><b>Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development Management, Councillor Jean Conway</b></p>
<p><b>Simpler Recycling Projects – Government legislation</b></p> <p>Suggestion from Corporate Director – Communities</p>	<p>Holding the Executive to account</p> <p>Understanding the implications of national changes to recycling announced by Government</p>	<p>Ed Potter, Assistant Director Environmental Services</p> <p><b>Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Ian Middleton</b></p>
<p><b>Homelessness Waiting Lists and Rough Sleeping</b></p> <p>Suggestion from Cllr Lynne Parsons</p>	<p>To understand waiting lists and rough sleeping status</p> <p>Potential Spot-Light Review meeting?</p>	<p>Nicola Riley, Assistant Director Wellbeing</p> <p><b>Portfolio Holder for healthy Communities, Councillor Rob Pattenden</b></p>
<p><b>Review of CDC Employee policies</b></p> <p>Suggestion from Cllr Zoe McLernon</p>	<p>Cllr McLernon feels there is a gap in the provision of maternity / paternity / IVF / adoption policy for current council employees and it's something that should be explored</p> <p>Cllr McLernon has also contacted Cllr Watkins as Chair of Personnel Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Flytipping</b></p>	<p>Cllr Watkins has reported flytipping issues in Banbury specifically. Ian has suggested flytipping for the work programme</p>	

Suggestion from Ian Boll following discussion with Cllr Amanda Watkins		
<b>Follow-up on recommendation relating to Cherwell Safer Communities Partnership Plan</b>	At 11 March 2025 meeting of the Committee it was resolved - “(1) That the Committee recommends that the Executive, as a matter of urgency, ensure that the Cherwell Safer Community Partnership Plan be reviewed and updated and presented to this committee early in the next municipal year”	
<b>Sale of Bodicote House</b>  Raised by Cllr Phil Chapman on behalf of others	Holding the Executive to account  Update on sale of Bodicote House	Stephen Hinds, Corporate Director Resources and Transformation & Mona Walsh, Assistant Director Property <b>Portfolio Holder for Finance, Property &amp; Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean</b>