



**Summary of the Decisions Taken at the Meeting
of Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 June 2025**

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Decision
5	<p>Finance and Performance Monitoring Report End of Year 2024-2025</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer) and Assistant Director Customer Focus</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To report to the committee the council's forecast financial position and performance at the end of Year 2024-25.</p> <p>The full report, as submitted to the 10 June 2025 Executive meeting, is submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for considering the performance aspects of the report (Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5, Appendices 8 and 9). The Budget Planning Committee is responsible for considering the finance aspects.</p> <p>(Please note that there is no appendix 6)</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's financial and performance report at the End of Year 2024-25, focussing on the performance aspects.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Council's End of year performance report for 2024/25 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That Executive be recommended to consider how agency staff costs are included in departmental budgets, specifically for Waste Services, to better reflect the need to use agency staff to maintain 'business as usual'.</p>

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6	<p>Work Programme Planning for 2025-2026</p> <p>The Chairman, Assistant Director – Law and Governance/Monitoring Officer and the Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead will facilitate a discussion on work programme planning for the 2025-2026 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Committee members will have the opportunity to propose subjects for consideration, and should bear in mind the five roles of scrutiny:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Monitoring • Policy Development • Policy Review • Holding the Executive to Account – the latest version of the Executive Forward Plan can be viewed via the Cherwell District Council website • External Scrutiny <p>The Committee will also need to consider whether the following three working groups should continue in 2025-2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action • Food Insecurity • Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (joint group with Personnel Committee) <p>Officers will also give details of suggested topics by service areas, for Committee consideration.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the list of suggested subjects for the 2025-26 work programme (annexe to minutes as set out in the minute book) be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee work with officers to schedule the agreed items as appropriate.</p> <p>(3) That it be agreed that the Food Insecurity and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working groups do not continue as Overview and Scrutiny Working Groups, and relevant officers from the service be requested to discuss with relevant Portfolio Holders the best way to monitor and review progress made on these subjects.</p> <p>(4) That the Climate Action continue later this Municipal Year, once work is underway to update the Climate Action Strategy.</p>