



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor Lynne Parsons (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Gemma Coton
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke

Councillor Phil Chapman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor John Broad
Councillor Dr Isabel Creed
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Zoe McLernon
Councillor Barry Wood

Substitutes Any member of the relevant political group, excluding
Executive members

AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip.
Where a member is subject to a party whip they must declare this at the beginning
of the meeting and it should be recorded in the minutes.

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2025.

4. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

5. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

6. Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2025 - 2026 (Pages 9 - 34)

Report of Assistant Director Customer Focus

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's performance position at the end of Quarter 1 2025-26.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To consider the contents of the council's performance Quarter 1 report and agree comments to the Executive for consideration.

7. Work Programme Update (Pages 35 - 40)

Update from Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead.

Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the work programme

8. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3– Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

9. Graven Hill Village Development Company Update (Pages 41 - 108)

Exempt report of the Corporate Director – Resources and Transformation.

For Information - Scrutiny Guide

The Scrutiny Guide is attached for information and reference.

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Information about this Meeting

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

Please contact Emma Faulkner / Martyn Surfleet, Democratic and Elections
democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk, 01295 221534

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