



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 11 November 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Gemma Coton
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor David Rogers
Councillor Barry Wood

Councillor Phil Chapman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor John Broad
Councillor Dr Isabel Creed
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Lynne Parsons
Councillor Dom Vaitkus

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. Appointment of Chair

To appoint a Chair for the remainder of the 2025/26 municipal year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair (if required)

In the event of the Vice-Chair being appointed as Chair, the committee will be required to appoint a new Vice-Chair.

3. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

4. 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.

5. Minutes (Pages 7 - 12)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2025.

6. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

7. Urgent Business

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

8. Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2025 - 2026 (Pages 13 - 34)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance.

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's performance position at the end of Quarter 2 2025-26.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's performance Quarter 2 report.

9. Cherwell District Council Safeguarding Self-Assessment (Pages 35 - 74)

Report of Interim Executive Director Neighbourhood Services.

Purpose of report

To provide an overview of the progress made on safeguarding measures and activity across Cherwell District Council, highlighting areas that have progressed through training and briefings. Identifying the themes of safeguarding concerns from the internal reporting mechanism, our partnership working with Oxfordshire Safeguarding Board and District Councils.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To endorse the multiagency collaboration for safeguarding.
- 1.2 Consider actions for future safeguarding briefings for Members

10. Kerbside Glass Collection Service (Pages 75 - 86)

Report of the Assistant Director Environmental Services and Corporate Director Communities.

Purpose of report

This report sets out the options for the Kerbside glass collection, and other new requirements driven by the Environment Act. It provides the necessary details to enable an informed decision.

Recommendations

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.2 Support the proposed changes to the service, introducing kerbside glass collections in January 2026.
- 1.2 Note the potential impacts of the Environment Act on the waste collection service and that a further report on other elements of Simpler Recycling will come forward to Executive in the near future

11. Flytipping Presentation

To receive a presentation from Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety.

Please note the presentation will be to follow

12. Work Programme Update (Pages 87 - 92)

An update on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.

Recommendation

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and agree the Scrutiny Work Programme update.

For Information - Scrutiny Guide

The Scrutiny Guide is attached for information and reference.

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