



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2026

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor David Rogers (Chair)

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor John Broad
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor Dom Vaitkus

Councillor Dr Isabel Creed (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Gemma Coton
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Lynne Parsons
Councillor Barry Wood

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

AGENDA

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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 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 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 3 2025 - 2026

Report of Assistant Director of Finance.

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's performance position at the end of Quarter 3 2025-26.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's performance Quarter 3 report.

Please note this report will be to follow

7. Executive Response to the Overview & Scrutiny Recommendations (Pages 11 - 30)

Report of the Assistant Director Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To present the Executive Responses to four sets of recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee, following the presentation of the scrutiny reports to the Executive on 7 October 2025.

Recommendations

That Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To note the Executive Responses to the Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations, attached at Appendices 1 to 4.
- 1.2 To monitor progress/implementation of recommendations as necessary

8. Cherwell Futures Programme (Pages 31 - 40)

Report of the Executive Director, Resources

Purpose of report

To provide Overview & Scrutiny with a detailed update on the Council's Cherwell Futures Programme, focusing on governance improvements, standardisation, workforce development, and the agreement of priorities since the last report.

Recommendations

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the progress made on governance, standardisation, and workforce development.
- 1.2 To comment on the contents of this report and make any recommendations.

9. Work Programme Update (Pages 41 - 44)

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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