



**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**

Overview and Scrutiny Members should not normally be subject to the party whip.  
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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 - 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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### **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**

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