

Draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2026-27

(Updated: 9 June 2026)

Items allocated to specific meeting dates		
18 June 2026		
Year end Performance Monitoring 2025/26	<p>Performance Monitoring To consider the year end performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive. Annual item</p>	<p>Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean</p>
Work Programme Planning for 2026-2027	<p>The Chair, 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 2026-2027 Municipal Year. Annual item</p>	<p>Shiraz Sheikh, Assistant Director Law & Governance/Monitoring Officer, Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead</p>
28 July 2026		
Graven Hill	<p>Holding Executive to Account/External Scrutiny Review of previous year's performance and monitoring of Phase 2 implementation. Annual item <i>To be scheduled for July OSC, after year end information been through Shareholder Committee</i></p>	<p>Stephen Hinds, Shareholder Representative Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean</p>
Tracking of Recommendations to Executive	<p>Holding Executive to Account Following Executive's response to four sets of recommendations from the Committee during 2025-26, an update on implementation of recommendations to be submitted for information</p>	<p>Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead</p>



	<i>Agreed by the 25/26 Committee at 27 January meeting</i>	
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
8 September 2026		
Quarter One (April to June) Performance Monitoring Report	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter one performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive. Regular item – quarterly	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
13 October		
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
17 November		
Quarter Two (July to September) Performance Monitoring Report	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter two performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive. Regular item – quarterly	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean



Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
15 December		
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
26 January 2027		
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
23 March		
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report	To consider the draft annual report of the Committee, prior to submission to full Council. Annual Item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
Quarter Three (October to December) Performance Monitoring Report	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter three performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive. Regular item – quarterly	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean

Corporate Performance and Insight Strategy	To consider and make comments / recommendations to Executive on the draft strategy for 2027-2028 prior to Executive adoption. Annual item.	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
Review of Work Programme for 26-27	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered. Standing item	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
Items to be discussed/allocated to specific dates		
Area Oversight Groups	Executive authorised the establishment of non-decision making Area Oversight Groups (AOGs) in November 2024. This item would be an overview of their work to date. More information on AOGs can be found in the original report to Executive from November 2024. Item suggested by Corporate Leadership Team	Ian Boll, Executive Director Place and Regeneration
Local Government Reform update	External Scrutiny Update to Committee on progress of LGR proposals Item suggested by Corporate Leadership Team	Stephen Hinds, Executive Director Resources
Lessons Learnt from Kidlington Illegal Landfill	External Scrutiny To review lessons learnt from the recent illegal landfill at Kidlington, with the Environment Agency invited to attend Item suggested by 25/26 Committee	Tim Hughes, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Alisa Russell
Cherwell Futures Programme (may feed into Local Government Reorganisation and Budget Planning)	Holding the Executive to account. To consider regular updates on the Cherwell Futures Programme Annual item.	Stephen Hinds, Executive Director Resources Ann Slavin, Director – Cherwell Futures



		Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
Action Plans stemming from Planning and Development To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAS Review• Merton College PR9 Site Appeal• Housing Delivery Action Plan (as discussed at 3.6.25 Committee)	Holding the Executive to account Multiple items across the year; Scrutinising implementation of the various action plans. Full detailed report on each action plan. Item suggested by 25/26 Committee	David Peckford, Assistant Director Planning & Paul Seckington, Head of Development Management Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Chris Brant
Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Thames Valley Police Attendance	External Scrutiny - Annual recurring item To fulfil the Council's requirement regarding crime and disorder scrutiny to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions no less than once in every twelve-month period. All Members are invited to attend the meeting. Annual item	Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, Councillor Nicola Borkmann
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Performance of S106 delivery – Infrastructure focus	Many housing developments across the district, particularly in Banbury, are having houses built but	David Peckford, Assistant Director – Planning



	<p>then developers appear to not be completing additional infrastructure such as play parks. <i>The primary care element of this query was covered at Committee on 24.3.26</i> Item suggested by 25/26 Committee</p>	<p>Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Chris Brant</p>
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Meeting dates 2025-26 (All Tuesday 6:30pm unless indicated)

18 June; 28 July; 8 September; 13 October; 17 November; 15 December; 26 January; 23 March

Members are reminded of the five roles of scrutiny when considering items for the work programme:

Performance Monitoring; Policy Development; Policy Review; Holding the Executive to Account; External Scrutiny

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