



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: Tuesday 10 September 2024
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA

Membership

**Councillor Dr Isabel Creed
(Chairman)**

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Andrew Crichton
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Lynne Parsons

Councillor Nigel Simpson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor John Broad
Councillor Grace Conway-Murray
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
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 18 July 2024.

4. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

5. Urgent Business

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

6. Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 1 2024 - 2025 (Pages 9 - 56)

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 2024-25.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

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

7. New Cherwell District Council Allocations Scheme (Pages 57 - 142)

Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of report

To consider the draft Housing Allocations Scheme and make comments for consideration by Executive.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the contents of the new drafted Housing Allocations Scheme and recommend adoption by the Executive.
- 1.2 Recommend to Executive that they receive a summary of the consultation responses and give those consideration.

8. Cost of Living 2023/2024 Review and 2024/2025 Activities (Pages 143 - 160)

Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the additional activity described in the 2023/24 Cost of Living action plan and to note proposed future approaches and activity.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To request the Executive to note the review of the 2023/24 cost of living plan and proposed range of activities planned for 2024/25.

9. Work Programme 2024 - 2025 (Pages 161 - 166)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertook work programme planning at its 18 July 2024 meeting and requested the Chair and Vice-Chair to meet with officers to discuss suggested scrutiny topics. The work programme has been updated accordingly and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

For information, the Executive Forward Plan is available on the [Cherwell District Council website](#) (please ensure you choose the most recently published version).

At the 18 July 2024 meeting, the Committee agreed that three working groups should continue in the 2024/2025 municipal year: Climate Action; Food Insecurity; and Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (joint with Personnel Committee). Nominations for working group member have been sought and the Chair and Democratic and Elections Team will update the Committee at the meeting.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves

- 1.1 To consider and endorse the 2024/2025 work programme.
- 1.2 To consider the update on the scrutiny working groups.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

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Declarations of Interest

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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