



**Committee:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 15 October 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

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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 10 September 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. **New Cherwell District Council Housing Strategy 2025-2030** (Pages 11 - 60)

Report of Assistant Director Housing and Wellbeing

**Purpose of report**

To present to the Committee a new draft Housing Strategy.

**Recommendations**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the contents of the new drafted Housing Strategy and make any recommendations to the Executive.

7. **Working Groups Update** (Pages 61 - 68)

An update on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Food Insecurity and Climate Action Scrutiny Working Groups since the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 September 2024.

**Recommendation**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the Scrutiny Working Groups update, including the updated membership of each working group.
- 1.2 To agree the terms of reference for the Food Insecurity Scrutiny Working Group, as set out in Appendix 1 of the briefing note.

8. **Work Programme 2024-25** (Pages 69 - 74)

An update on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolves:

### **Recommendation**

The Overview and Scrutiny

1.1 To consider and agree the Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/2025 update.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Support Guide**

The Overview and Scrutiny Guide is attached for reference

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