



Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor Lynne Parsons (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Gemma Coton
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Simon Lytton
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke

Councillor Phil Chapman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor John Broad
Councillor Dr Isabel Creed
Councillor Harry Knight
Councillor Zoe McLernon
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 3 June 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. Finance and Performance Monitoring Report End of Year 2024-2025 (Pages 9 - 90)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer) and Assistant Director Customer Focus

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's forecast financial position and performance at the end of Year 2024-25.

The full report, as submitted to the 10 June 2025 Executive meeting, is submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for considering the performance aspects of the report (Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5, Appendices 8 and 9). The Budget Planning Committee is responsible for considering the finance aspects.

(Please note that there is no appendix 6)

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's financial and performance report at the End of Year 2024-25, focussing on the performance aspects.

7. Work Programme Planning for 2025-2026

The Chairman, 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 2025-2026 Municipal Year.

Committee members will have the opportunity to propose subjects for consideration, and should bear in mind the five roles of scrutiny:

- Performance Monitoring
- Policy Development
- Policy Review
- Holding the Executive to Account – the latest version of the Executive Forward Plan can be viewed via the [Cherwell District Council website](#)
- External Scrutiny

The Committee will also need to consider whether the following three working groups should continue in 2025-2026.

- Climate Action
- Food Insecurity
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (joint group with Personnel Committee)

Officers will also give details of suggested topics by service areas, for Committee consideration.

For Information - Scrutiny Guide

The Scrutiny Guide is attached for information and reference.

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Information about this Meeting

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Declarations of Interest

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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