

Indicative Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2026-27

(Updated: 13 March 2026)

Items allocated to specific meeting dates		
9 June 2026		
Year end Performance Monitoring 2025/26	Performance Monitoring To consider the year end performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.	Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant
Work Programme Planning for 2026-2027	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.	Shiraz Sheikh, Assistant Director Law & Governance/Monitoring Officer, Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
28 July		
Graven Hill	Holding Executive to Account/External Scrutiny Review of previous year's performance and monitoring of Phase 2 implementation. Annual item	Stephen Hinds, Shareholder Representative Leader & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership, Councillor David Hingley
Tracking of Recommendations to Executive	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	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead



8 September		
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.	Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant
13 October		
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.	Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant
15 December		
26 January 2027		
23 March		
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report	To consider the draft annual report of the Committee, prior to submission to full Council	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
Quarter Three (October to December)	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter three performance report, with	Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader



Performance Monitoring Report	a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant
Corporate Performance and Insight Strategy	To consider and make comments / recommendations to Executive on the draft strategy for 2027-2028 prior to Executive adoption.	Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant
Items to be discussed/allocated		
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.	
Local Government Reform update	External Scrutiny Update to Committee on progress of LGR proposals	
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	Tim Hughes, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Councillor Ian Middleton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services
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	Stephen Hinds, Executive Director Resources Charlene Greenaway, Transformation Programme Manager Leader & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership, Councillor David Hingley

<p>Action Plans stemming from Planning and Development To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAS Review • Merton College PR9 Site Appeal • Housing Delivery Action Plan (as discussed at 3.6.25 Committee) 	<p>Holding the Executive to account Multiple items across the year; Scrutinising implementation of the various action plans. Full detailed report on each action plan.</p>	<p>David Peckford, Assistant Director Planning & Paul Seckington, Head of Development Management Portfolio Holder for Planning and Development Management, Councillor Jean Conway</p>
<p>Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Thames Valley Police Attendance</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder for Healthy and Safe Communities, Councillor Rob Pattenden</p>
<p>Year end Performance Monitoring 2026/27</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring To consider the year end performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.</p>	<p>Celia Prado-Teeling, Performance and Insight Team Leader Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Councillor Chris Brant</p>

Meeting dates 2025-26 (All Tuesday 6:30pm unless indicated)

9 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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