

Indicative Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2026-27

(Updated: 1 October 2026)

Items allocated to specific meeting dates

17 November 2026

Item	Brief Description	Lead Officers and Portfolio Holder(s)
Quarter Two (July to September) Performance Monitoring Report Regular item	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter two performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
New item Follow-up to Flytipping item Committee suggestion – Vice-Chair Cllr Dom Vaitkus, 18 June meeting	Committee received a presentation in November 2025 that outlined known issues across the district, and improvements that would be introduced to address them. Committee have requested an update on whether the measures outlined have improved the situation with fly tipping.	Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Tim Hughes, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Alisa Russell
Safeguarding Annual Reflection	Performance Monitoring - Annual recurring item Overview of the safeguarding cases, pressures and levels of training completions. Annual item	Nicola Riley, Assistant Director Wellbeing/Designated Safeguarding Lead Susan Asbury, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, Councillor Nicola Borkmann



Review of Work Programme for 26-27 Standing item	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered.	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead
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15 December 2026

Item	Brief Description	Lead Officers and Portfolio Holder(s)
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	Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Thames Valley Police Attendance Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, Councillor Nicola Borkmann
Review of Work Programme for 26-27 Standing item	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered.	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead

26 January 2027

Item	Brief Description	Lead Officers and Portfolio Holder(s)
Area Oversight Groups Suggested after CLT 10.2.26	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 Pete Sharp, Head of Regeneration and Growth
Cherwell Futures Programme (may feed into Local Government Reorganisation and Budget Planning) Carried over from 25-26	Holding the Executive to account. To consider regular updates on the Cherwell Futures Programme For information – business cases related to the programme are being considered by Executive in September and October 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 Management To include: - Merton College PR9 Site Appeal - Housing Delivery Action Plan (as discussed at 3.6.25 Committee) Carried over from 25-26	Holding the Executive to account Multiple items across the year; Scrutinising implementation of the various action plans. Full detailed report on each action plan. For information – The remaining aspects of this item (PR9 and HDAP) are now overseen by the Transformation	David Peckford, Assistant Director Planning & Paul Seckington, Head of Development Management Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Chris Aramini-Brant



	Programme; therefore officers considered it logical to bring this report to the same meeting as the wider Cherwell Futures update.	
Review of Work Programme for 26-27 Standing item	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered.	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead

23 March 2027

Item	Brief Description	Lead Officers and Portfolio Holder(s)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report Annual item	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 Report Regular item	Performance Monitoring To consider the Quarter three performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
Corporate Performance and Insight Strategy Annual item	To consider and make comments / recommendations to Executive on the draft strategy for 2027-2028 prior to Executive adoption.	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean
Review of Work Programme for 26-27 Standing item	Review of work programme, update on topics suggested for consideration, update on items previously considered.	Emma Faulkner, Principal Officer – Scrutiny and Democratic Lead

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Items to be discussed/allocated

Item	Brief Description	Lead Officers and Portfolio Holder(s)
New item Progress of Climate Action Plan Committee suggestion – Cllr Linda Ward, 18 June meeting	Tracking on progress of Climate Action plan, following reference to year end performance position being Amber (25-26 Indicator reference BP2.2.03, % of Climate Action Plan delivering to target) To be picked up during September Work Programme Item	Ian Boll, Executive Director Place and Regeneration Michael Suddens, Head of Biodiversity and Climate Resilience Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Communities, Councillor Ian Middleton
Local Government Reform update Suggested at CLT 10.2.26	External Scrutiny Update to Committee on progress of LGR proposals Item suggested by Corporate Leadership Team Update to be provided once more known from central Government on progress with LGR as a whole.	Stephen Hinds, Executive Director Resources
Performance of S106 delivery – Infrastructure focus Carried over from 25-26	Many housing developments across the district, particularly in Banbury, are having houses built but then developers appear to not be completing additional infrastructure such as play parks. For information – the informal Planning Forum on 20 August covered the overall approach to S106 Agreements.	Paul Seckington – Head of Planning Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Chris Aramini-Brant

	To be picked up during September Work Programme Item	
Lessons Learnt from Kidlington Illegal Landfill Carried over from 25-26	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 For information – officers have indicated there will be a lessons learnt discussion between the Environment Agency (EA), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Cherwell District Council. Timing of this item to OSC will depend on the wider discussion with EA and OCC.	Kristian Aspinall, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services Tim Hughes, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Alisa Russell
Year end Performance Monitoring 2026/27 Annual item	Performance Monitoring To consider the year end performance report, with a focus on amber / red indicators, and provide comments to the Executive.	Kaimi Ithia, Head of Chief Executive's Office Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Councillor Lesley McLean

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