



Work Programme

Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Topic	Relevant strategic priorities	Purpose	Type	Lead Presenters
19 July 2024				
LEP Integration	Work with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit.	Committee to participate in discussions around the future shape and purpose of the LEP once it is integrated into the Council.	Overview and Scrutiny	Councillor Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council Robin Rogers, Programme Director (Partnerships and Delivery) Chloe Taylor, Head of Economy
Community Wealth Building and Wider Social Value	All	Committee to consider the advice provided to the Council by the Centre for Local Economic Studies, its ambition and its initial action plan for driving social value beyond the realm of procurement.	Overview and Scrutiny	Cllr Nathan Ley, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety Robin Rogers, Programme Director (Partnerships and Delivery)

				Emily Urqhart, Policy Officer
13 September 2024				
Commercial Strategy Update	All	As requested by the Committee in April, a six month update on the progress of the Commercial Strategy, particularly looking at governance arrangements to underpin the Council's commercial plans.	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Cllr Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council, Cllr Dan Levy, Cabinet Member for Finance Lorna Baxter, Executive Director (Resources)</p> <p>Ian Dyson, Director of Financial and Commercial Services</p>
Advice Centres	Tackle Inequalities in Oxfordshire, Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents.	To understand the rationale behind the newly-tendered advice centre contract, and to allow that to guide discussions on the best way to approach the additional funding made available in the budget for advice centres.	Overview and Scrutiny	<p>Councillor Ley, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety</p> <p>Councillor Bearder, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p> <p>David Munday, Consultant in Public Health</p> <p>Robin Rogers, Programme Director, Partnerships and Delivery</p>

				John Pearce, Commissioning Manager (Promote, Prevent) Kate Austin, Public Health Principal
6 December 2024				
Draft Budget Scrutiny	All	To consider the robustness and suitability of the Council's draft budget, and to make any observations or recommendations accordingly.	Overview and Scrutiny	All service directors and Cabinet members
17 January 2025				
Amended Budget Scrutiny	All	To consider the robustness and suitability of the Council's budget following any updates arising from changes to funding or consultation feedback, and to make any observations or recommendations accordingly.	Overview and Scrutiny	All service directors and Cabinet members
4 April 2025				
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Sub-groups				
Name	Relevant strategic priorities	Description	Outcomes	Members
Democratic Processes Working Group	Local Democracy	To review the key elements of support for democratic processes at Oxfordshire County Council.	Reviews the support for the council's democratic processes and makes recommendations.	Cllr Reeves Cllr Simpson Cllr Baines Cllr O'Connor Cllr Van Mierlo Cllr Bennett

Briefings/Other					
Date	Topic	Relevant strategic priorities	Description	Outcomes	Presenters
TBC	County Hall Soft Marketing	Work with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit.	To note, this is to be undertaken as a Cabinet Advisory Group rather than a Scrutiny Briefing.	Understanding of the broad options for CH following advice on its potential uses	Vic Kurzeja, Director of Property and Assets
14 Oct 2024 10:00 til 12:00	Overview of Existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)	All	Overview of existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). Budget & Business Planning process for 2025/26 plus risks & issues. Overview of capital	Understanding of the broad outline of budget issues.	Lorna Baxter, Executive Director (Resources) Kathy Wilcox, Head of Corporate Finance

			programme, governance and management, pipeline and risks.		
18 Nov 2024 10:00 til 12:00	Business Plan (1)	All	Introduction to the outcomes of Business Planning exercise, by directorate	Understanding of the business plans for each directorate which the budget will then seek to resource.	Specific directors TBC
22 Nov 2024 14:00 til 16:00	Business Plan (2)	All	Introduction to the outcomes of Business Planning exercise, by directorate	Understanding of the business plans for each directorate which the budget will then seek to resource.	Specific directors TBC
29 Nov 2024 10:00 til 12:00	Autumn Statement	All	Update on Autumn Statement, revenue and capital proposals and draft Review of Charges for 2025/26	Understanding the impacts of any changes from central government in the Autumn Statement and wider budget issues.	Lorna Baxter, Executive Director (Resources) Kathy Wilcox, Head of Corporate Finance
16 Jan 2025 14:00 til 16:00	Local Government Finance Settlement	All	Impact of Local Government Finance Settlement and other funding updates.	Clarity on as many sources of uncertainty within the budget process to date.	Lorna Baxter, Executive Director (Resources) Kathy Wilcox, Head of Corporate Finance