

## ***Notice of a Meeting***



**OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at:**

**11.30 am or following the end of the Council meeting  
Council Chamber - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND**

**These proceedings are open to the public**

**Membership** To be determined at the Council meeting on 20 May 2025.

***Date of next meeting:*** Wednesday, 25 June 2025

**For more information about this Committee please contact:**

Committee Officer - *Scrutiny Team*  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reeves".

Martin Reeves  
Chief Executive

May 2025

## What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

Climate change, transport, highways, planning and place-based services. Including the delivery of regulatory services, fire and rescue, community safety and community services such as libraries. NB This Committee will act as the Council's 'Crime and Disorder Committee'.

## How can I have my say?

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer below no later than 9 am 4 working day before the date of the meeting.**

## About the County Council

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 63 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 678,000 residents. These include:

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| schools          | social & health care | libraries and museums |
| the fire service | roads                | trading standards     |
| land use         | transport planning   | waste management      |

Each year the Council manages £0.9 billion of public money in providing these services. Most decisions are taken by a Cabinet of 9 Councillors, which makes decisions about service priorities and spending. Some decisions will now be delegated to individual members of the Cabinet.

## About Scrutiny

Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the Cabinet
- Examining how well the Cabinet and the Authority are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Helping the Cabinet to develop Council policies
- Representing the community in Council decision making
- Promoting joined up working across the authority's work and with partners

Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

## What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 4 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the Cabinet, the full Council or other scrutiny committees. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

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**A hearing loop is available at County Hall.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Election of Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year**
- 2. Election of Deputy Chair for the 2025/26 Council Year**
- 3. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**

To receive any apologies for absence and temporary appointments.