



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at Council Chamber - Trinity Road on **Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 5.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(Councillors Gina Blomefield, Gary Selwyn, David Cunningham, Roly Hughes, Angus Jenkinson, Dilys Neill, Michael Vann, Tony Slater, Clare Turner and Jon Wareing)

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# AGENDA

1. **Apologies**  
To receive any apologies for absence. The quorum for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is 3 Members.
2. **Substitute Members**  
To note details of any substitution arrangements in place for the Meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
4. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 October 2023.
5. **Chair's Announcements**  
To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. **Public Questions**  
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate issues under the Committee's remit.
7. **Member Questions**  
To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing if they cannot be dealt with at the meeting.
8. **Draft Cotswold Housing Strategy (Pages 13 - 92) 30 minutes**  
Purpose  
To seek approval to consult with partners and the public on a new five year Cotswold Housing Strategy. The strategy directly responds to the Council's Corporate Plan that seeks to address housing affordability and increase the supply of affordable housing.

## Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the draft Cotswold Housing Strategy for public consultation as presented at Annex A and B; and
2. Delegate authority to the Forward Planning Manager, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree a questionnaire for the public consultation exercise and to make minor modifications to improve clarity.

## Invited

Cllr Joe Harris, Leader of the Council  
James Brain, Forward Planning Manager

9. **Proactive Delivery of Affordable Housing – Report to follow 30 minutes**

Purpose

This report seeks to outline the council's aspiration for a more proactive approach to increase the supply of affordable housing within the district, outline of how this can be achieved, and the resources required.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Note the strategic opportunities being explored to influence the delivery of more affordable homes, including the creation of a new shared Strategic Housing Enabling Manager post.

Invited

Cllr Joe Harris, Leader of the Council

Charlie Jackson, Assistant Director for Planning and Sustainability

10. **Q2 Performance Report (Pages 93 - 170) 20 minutes**

Purpose

To provide an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Note overall progress on the Council priorities and service performance for 2023-24 Q2.

Invited

Cllr Joe Harris, Leader of the Council

Robert Weaver, Chief Executive

11. **Q2 Financial Performance Report – Report to follow 20 minutes**

Purpose

This report sets of the latest budget monitoring position for the 2023/24 financial year.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Review and note the financial position set out in this report
2. Endorse the recommendation that the Cabinet Transformation Working Group continue to review in-year opportunities with Publica and Ubico to mitigate the forecast financial position.
3. Approve the provisional transfer of £0.150m to the Treasury Management Reserve

Invited

Cllr Mike Every, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive

12. **Updates from Gloucestershire County Council Scrutiny Committees** *10 minutes*

Purpose

For the appointed representatives to update the Committee on the work of:

- Gloucestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny (HOSC) – Cllr Dilys Neill
- Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee (GEGSC) – Cllr Angus Jenkinson

13. **Update on the Public Conveniences Review Group** *10 minutes*

Purpose

For the Chair of the Public Conveniences Review Group to provide a verbal update on the work of the Review Group.

14. **Work Plan (Pages 171 - 186)** *10 minutes*

Purpose

To review the work plan and Executive Forward Plan and agree agenda items for future meetings.

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