



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Thursday, 21 December 2023

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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX on **Monday, 8 January 2024 at 4.00 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)

Recording of Proceedings – The law allows the public proceedings of Council, Cabinet, and Committee Meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Administrator know prior to the date of the meeting.

# 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 - 16)**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 November and the Special Meeting held on 16 November.
5. **Chair's Announcements**
6. **Matters Arising From the Minutes**  
To review actions from previous meetings.
7. **Public Questions**  
A maximum of 15 minutes is allocated for an “open forum” of public questions at committee meetings. No person may ask more than two questions (including supplementary questions) and no more than two such questions may be asked on behalf of one organisation. The maximum length of oral questions or supplementary questions by the public will be two minutes. Questions must relate to the responsibilities of the Committee but questions in this section cannot relate to applications for determination at the meeting.  
  
The response may take the form of:
  - a) A direct oral response (maximum length: 2 minutes);
  - b) Where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
  - c) Where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.
8. **Member Questions**  
A maximum period of fifteen minutes is allowed for Member questions. Questions must be directed to the Chair and must relate to the remit of the committee but may not relate to applications for determination at the meeting.

Questions will be asked in the order notice of them was received, except that the Chair may group together similar questions.

The deadline for submitting questions is 5.00pm on the working day before the day of

the meeting unless the Chair agrees that the question relates to an urgent matter, in which case the deadline is 9.30am on the day of the meeting.

A member may submit no more than two questions. At the meeting the member may ask a supplementary question arising directly from the original question or the reply. The maximum length of a supplementary question is one minute.

The response to a question or supplementary question may take the form of:

- a) A direct oral response (maximum length: 2 minutes);
- b) Where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) Where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

9. **Corporate Plan 2024-2027 – to follow- 50 minutes**

Purpose

To present the Council's Corporate Plan 2024-2028 to Cabinet, and that they agree to recommend to Full Council.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Cabinet meeting on 11 January

Invited

Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council  
Robert Weaver, Chief Executive

10. **2024/25 Budget Consultation Feedback Report (Pages 17 - 52)- 20 minutes**

Purpose

This report provides feedback to Cabinet from the recent consultation on the Administration's budget proposals.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Cabinet meeting on 11 January

Invited

Councillor Mike Evemy, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance  
David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer

11. **Cotswold District Local Plan - Partial Update (Pages 53 - 210)- 50 minutes**

Purpose

To consider the recommendation to Council to start preparing a new local plan for the period 2026 to 2041 and to consult on a document that includes development strategy options.

To consider the recommendation to consult the public on a set of draft policies that update the adopted Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-31 (the adopted Local Plan).

To consider the recommendation to consult the public on an 'initial ideas' Cirencester Town Centre Framework Masterplan consultation document.

For Cabinet to approve the updated Statement of Community Involvement and the updated Local Development Scheme documents.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to submit to the Cabinet meeting on 11 January

Invited

Councillor Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory Services  
James Brain, Forward Planning Manager

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12. **Work Plan and Forward Plan (Pages 211 - 224)**  
For the Committee to note and review its work plan and to select Cabinet decisions for pre-decision scrutiny at future committee meetings.

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