



COTSWOLD
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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, 6 January 2025 at 4.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

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

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 7 - 14)
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
To consider actions outstanding from minutes of previous meetings.
6. **Chair's Announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
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. **Climate and Ecological Emergency** (Pages 15 - 20)

Purpose

For the Committee to receive an update on actions under the Climate Programme.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the actions to-date and the ongoing activity to further embed climate action across all the Council's activities and agrees any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.

Invited

Councillor Mike McKeown, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
Olivia McGregor, Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Lead

10. **Publica Transition Update**

Purpose

For the Committee to receive a presentation on Phase 1 of the Publica Transition.

Recommendation

For the Committee to note the update and agree any recommendations it wishes to submit to Cabinet.

Invited

Councillor Joe Harris, Leader of the Council

Robert Weaver, Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Pollard, Programme Director

11. **Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Two and Update Report**

(Pages 21 - 88)

Purpose

To consider the second budget monitoring position for the 2024/25 financial year (reported to Cabinet on 5 December) and a separate update report on budget monitoring for planning services.

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. Reviews and notes the financial position set out in the report and the recommendations detailed in paragraphs 9.3 to 9.9 and 6.2 as approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 5 December 2024.
2. Notes the update report in respect of Development Management.
3. Agrees any recommendations to submit to Cabinet.

Invited

Councillor Mike Evemy, Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation

David Stanley – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

12. **Service Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Two** (Pages 89 - 164)

Purpose

To provide an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance (reported to Cabinet on 5 December).

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the report and agrees any recommendations it wishes to submit to Cabinet.

Invited

Robert Weaver, Chief Executive Officer

Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst

13. **Report back on recommendations**
There were no recommendations arising from the previous meeting of the Committee.

14. **Updates from Gloucestershire County Council Scrutiny Committees**
Purpose
To receive any verbal updates on the work of external scrutiny bodies:

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Angus Jenkinson
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Dilys Neill

15. **Work Plan and Forward Plan** (Pages 165 - 180)
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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