



**COTSWOLD**  
District Council

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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, 29 June 2026 at 4.00 pm.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J Portman'.

Jane Portman  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(Councillors Gina Blomefield, Angus Jenkinson, Claire Bloomer, David Cunningham, Tony Slater, Lisa Spivey, Clare Turner, Michael Vann, Jon Wareing and Ian Watson)

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 relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
4. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 12)  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2026.
5. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 13 - 14)  
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 one minute. 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.

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. **Report back on recommendations** (Pages 15 - 18)

For the Committee to note the Cabinet's response to any recommendations arising from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

10. **Financial Performance Report - Q4 2025/26 (4:20pm)**

Purpose

This report sets out the full year budget monitoring position for the 2025/26 financial year.

Accountable Member

Councillor Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance

Report Author

Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer

**\*\*Report to follow\*\***

11. **Service Performance Report - Q4 2025/26 (4:50pm)**

Purpose

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

Accountable Member

Councillor Mike Evemy, Leader of the Council

Report Author

Yemi Olu-Opaleye, Senior Performance Analyst

**\*\*Report to follow\*\***

12. **Planning Enforcement Report (5:30pm)**

Purpose

This report provides an update on the performance, staffing, and capacity of the Planning Enforcement Team following the transition of planning services back into the Council in November 2024 and the subsequent PAS Peer Review.

It summarises progress against the PAS Action Plan, identifies continuing service pressures including recruitment challenges and backlog management, and sets out the measures underway to improve resilience, service efficiency, and performance. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the progress made and note the areas where performance remains constrained.

Accountable Member

Juliet Layton - Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Report Author

Harrison Bowley – Head of Planning Services

**\*\*Report to follow\*\***

13. **Updates from Gloucestershire County Council Scrutiny Committees (6:10pm)**

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

14. **Work Plan and Forward Plan (Pages 19 - 40) (6:20pm)**

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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