



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, 3 August 2026 at 4.00 pm.**

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 Naomi Bloomer)

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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 relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

4. **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

5. **Public Questions**

A maximum of 30 minutes is allocated for an "open forum" of public questions at this extraordinary committee meeting. 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.

6. **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.

7. **Local Plan** (Pages 5 - 1842)

Purpose

To make a series of recommendations, principally relating to the Publication of the Local Plan for six weeks consultation in August and September 2026 and submission to the Secretary of State in December 2026 for independent examination.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the report and make comments ahead of Cabinet on 6 August 2026. Cabinet will make recommendations to Council on 12 August 2026.

Accountable Member

Councillor Juliet Layton – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning.

Report Author

Andrew Maxted - Head of Planning Policy and Infrastructure.

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