



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**  
**1 MARCH 2024 – 30 JUNE 2024**

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Council currently operates the Strong Leader and Cabinet form of governance. The Council has appointed one Overview and Scrutiny Committee which has the power to investigate Cabinet decisions and any other matters relevant to the district and its people, making recommendations to the Council, Cabinet or any other Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council. Scrutiny has an important role in holding the Cabinet to account and in contributing to policy development. The Council has agreed an Executive Scrutiny Protocol to guide how Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will interact with each other.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee operates a work plan which is agreed annually but provides for flexibility to enable the Committee to respond to emerging issues or priorities. The work plan will include a mix of Cabinet reports that have been selected for pre-decision scrutiny, and reports on other Council services, topics or issues which have been specifically commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

In setting and reviewing its work plan, Scrutiny will be mindful of the constraints of the organisation and will take advice from officers on prioritisation, which may be informed by the following considerations (TOPIC criteria):

**Timeliness:** Is it timely to consider this issue?

**Organisational priority:** Is it a Council priority?

**Public Interest:** Is it of significant public interest?

**Influence:** Can Scrutiny have meaningful influence?

**Cost:** Does it involve a high level of expenditure, income or savings?

**Call in**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider any “call-in” of a decision that has been made but not yet implemented. This enables the Committee to consider whether the decision made is appropriate given all relevant information (but not because it would have made a different decision). It may recommend that the Cabinet, a Portfolio Holder or the Council should reconsider the decision. (It should be noted that Cabinet does not have to change its decision following the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee).

Item	Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
<b>Tuesday 27 February 2024</b>		
River Quality/Sewage	Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety - Cllr Lisa Spivey	Phil Shaw, Business Manager - Development Management phil.shaw@publicagroup.uk
Q3 Financial Performance Report 2024	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evey	David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk
Q3 Performance Report 2024	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk
Publica Transition Plan To consider the proposed transition plan for services moving from Publica back to the council.	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Robert Weaver, Chief Executive robert.weaver@cotswold.gov.uk
<b>Tuesday 2 April 2024</b>		
Climate and Ecological Emergency To evaluate the achievement of Net-Zero goals where the Council has direct responsibility and the delivery of measurable contributions in other areas.	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability - Cllr Mike McKeown	Charlie Jackson, Assistant Director - Planning and Sustainability charlie.jackson@publicagroup.uk
Community Safety Partnership To exercise the function of the Crime & Disorder Committee through review of Cotswold Community Safety Partnership strategy and delivery.	Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety - Cllr Lisa Spivey	Jacqueline Wright, Community Wellbeing Manager Jacqueline.Wright@Cotswold.gov.uk
Housing To consider the actions and responsibilities of Housing Associations and to assess progress in meeting the Council's aim of moving towards a greater emphasis on	Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Safety - Cllr Lisa Spivey	Assistant Director - Planning and Sustainability

Social affordable housing.		
<b>Publica Business Plan</b> To update the Committee on the Publica Business Plan and to identify any areas that may need more detailed study.	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Frank Wilson, Interim Managing Director (Publica) frank.wilson@publicagroup.uk
<b>Tuesday 7 May 2024</b>		