



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
Monday 6 January 2025		
Climate Programme Update	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability - Cllr Mike McKeown	Olivia McGregor, Climate Change & Carbon Reduction Lead olivia.mcgregor@cotswold.gov.uk
Review of Publica Transition Phase 1	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Robert Weaver, Chief Executive robert.weaver@cotswold.gov.uk
Service Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Two	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk
Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Two	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation - Cllr Mike Evey	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant michelle.burge@publicagroup.uk
Monday 3 February 2025		
Ubico Business Plan 2025-26	Cabinet Member for Economy and Environment - Cllr Tristan Wilkinson	Simon Anthony, Business Manager for Environmental Services Simon.Anthony@publicagroup.uk
Focused public consultation (regulation 18) on additional new Local Plan policies	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Matthew Britton, Interim Forward Planning Lead matthew.britton@cotswold.gov.uk
Update on Strategic Plan for North Cotswolds	Juliet Layton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning	Matthew Britton, Interim Forward Planning Lead matthew.britton@cotswold.gov.uk

Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation - Cllr Mike Evely	David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk
Update to HR Policies (potential Cabinet report tbc)		
Monday 3 March 2025		
Public Conveniences Update on Changes	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	Maria Wheatley, Shared Parking Manager maria.wheatley@cotswold.gov.uk
Publica Transition Plan - Phase 2	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Robert Weaver, Chief Executive robert.weaver@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 31 March 2025		
Service Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Three	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk
Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Three	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation - Cllr Mike Evely	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant michelle.burge@publicagroup.uk
Tuesday 6 May 2025		
Asset Management Strategy	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	Claire Locke, Interim Executive Director Claire.Locke@publicagroup.uk