



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 |
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| Monday 5 January 2026 | | |
| Financial Performance Report 2025-26 Quarter 2 | Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman | Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Service Performance Report 2025-26 Quarter 2 | Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evey | Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk |
| Waste Fleet Replacement Review of recycling system collection options, identification of vehicles for replacement, and plans for decarbonisation of the waste fleet. | Cabinet Member for Environment and Regulatory Services - Councillor Andrea Pellegram | Peta Johnson peta.johnson@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Climate Emergency Update | Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability - Cllr Mike McKeown | Olivia McGregor, Climate Change & Carbon Reduction Lead olivia.mcgregor@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Monday 2 February 2026 | | |
| Budget 2026-27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy | Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman | Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Impact of tax changes on hospitality and retail | Cabinet Member for Economy and | Paul James, Economic Development Lead |

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| | Council Transformation - Councillor Tristan Wilkinson | paul.james@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Monday 2 March 2026 | | |
| Financial Performance Report 2025-26 Quarter 3 | Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman | Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Service Performance Report 2025-26 Quarter 3 | Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evemy | Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk |
| Asset Management Strategy | Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance | Andrew Turner, Assets Manager andrew.turner@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Monday 13 April 2026 | | |
| Ecological Emergency Update | Juliet Layton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning | Danielle Berry, Natural, Built and Historic Environment Manager Danielle.berry@cotswold.gov.uk |
| Planning Enforcement Report | Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning - Cllr Juliet Layton | Harrison Bowley, Head of Planning Services Harrison.Bowley@Cotswold.gov.uk |