



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 1 June 2026		
Local Government Reorganisation - Structural Changes Order	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evemy	Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer jane.portman@cotswold.gov.uk
Asset Management - Investment Properties	Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman	David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk
Waste and Environment - Service Design Options	Cabinet Member for Environment and Regulatory Services - Councillor Andrea Pellegram	Peta Johnson, Head of Waste and Environment peta.johnson@cotswold.gov.uk
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2025/26	Gina Blomefield, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Julia Gibson, Democratic Services Officer julia.gibson@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 29 June 2026		
Financial Performance Report - Q4 2025/26	Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk

Service Performance Report - Q4 2025/26	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evemy	Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk
Planning Enforcement Report	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning – Juliet Layton	Harrison Bowley, Head of Planning Services Harrison.Bowley@Cotswold.gov.uk
Making the Cotswolds a Dementia Friendly district	Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience - Cllr Tony Dale	Joseph Walker, Head of Economic Development and Communities joseph.walker@cotswold.gov.uk
Motion report - Food and Farming	Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience - Cllr Tony Dale	Tim Atkins, Interim Assistant Director - Communities & Place tim.atkins@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 3 August 2026		
Local Plan	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning – Juliet Layton	Geraldine LeCointe, Assistant Director - Planning Services geraldine.lecointe@cotswold.gov.uk
Asset Management Strategy	Patrick Coleman, Cabinet Member for Finance	Alan Hope, Head of Strategic Housing, Property and Assets alan.hope@cotswold.gov.uk
Climate Emergency Update	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability - Cllr Mike McKeown	Helen Martin, Director of Communities and Place helen.martin@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 7 September 2026		

Council Performance Report - Q1 2026/27	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evely	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk
UBICO Update	Cabinet Member for Environment and Regulatory Services - Councillor Andrea Pellegram	Peta Johnson, Head of Waste and Environment peta.johnson@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 12 October 2026		
LGR Update	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evely	Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer jane.portman@cotswold.gov.uk
Artificial Intelligence Update	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Digital - Councillor Mike McKeown	John Chorlton, Chief Technology Officer john.chorlton@publicagroup.uk
Monday 16 November 2026		
Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2026/2027	Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk
Leisure Contract - Freedom Leisure	Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience - Cllr Tony Dale	Joseph Walker, Head of Economic Development and Communities joseph.walker@cotswold.gov.uk
Cotswold Community Safety Partnership Update	Cabinet Member for Health, Culture and Visitor Experience - Cllr Tony Dale	Joseph Walker, Head of Economic Development and Communities joseph.walker@cotswold.gov.uk

Monday 11 January 2027		
Council Performance Report - Q2 2026/27	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evely	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant and Deputy Section 151 Officer michelle.burge@cotswold.gov.uk
LGR Update	Leader of the Council - Councillor Mike Evely	Jane Portman, Chief Executive Officer jane.portman@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 8 February 2027		
Budget 2027/28, Capital Programme 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, David Stanley, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk
Monday 8 March 2027		
Dates to be confirmed		
Cost of Living Support	Cabinet Member for Finance - Councillor Patrick Coleman	Mandy Fathers, Business Manager for Environmental, Welfare and Revenue Service Mandy.Fathers@publicagroup.uk
Strategic Infrastructure Funding Update	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning – Juliet Layton	Geraldine LeCointe, Assistant Director - Planning Services geraldine.lecointe@cotswold.gov.uk

