



### **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>Monday 3 February 2025</b>		
Update on Strategic Plan for North Cotswolds	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Matthew Britton, Interim Forward Planning Lead <a href="mailto:matthew.britton@cotswold.gov.uk">matthew.britton@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
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 <a href="mailto:David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk">David.Stanley@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
<b>Monday 3 March 2025</b>		
Publica Transition Plan - Phase 2 To consider the transition plan for the Phase 2 transfer of services.	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Robert Weaver, Chief Executive <a href="mailto:robert.weaver@cotswold.gov.uk">robert.weaver@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
Public Conveniences Update on Changes	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Evely	Maria Wheatley, Shared Parking Manager <a href="mailto:maria.wheatley@cotswold.gov.uk">maria.wheatley@cotswold.gov.uk</a>
Service Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Three	Leader of the Council - Cllr Joe Harris	Alison Borrett, Senior Performance Analyst <a href="mailto:Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk">Alison.Borrett@publicagroup.uk</a>

<b>Monday 31 March 2025</b>		
Financial Performance Report 2024-25 Quarter Three	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation - Cllr Mike Every	Michelle Burge, Chief Accountant michelle.burge@publicagroup.uk
<b>Tuesday 6 May 2025</b>		
Asset Management Strategy	Deputy Leader - Cabinet Member for Finance - Cllr Mike Every	Claire Locke, Interim Executive Director Claire.Locke@publicagroup.uk