

# Agenda



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A meeting of the

## Scrutiny Committee

will be held on Monday, 5 February 2024 at 6.30 pm  
Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon OX14 3JE

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### Members of the Committee:

Councillors:  
Katherine Foxhall (Chair)  
Judy Roberts (Vice Chair)  
Ron Batstone  
Hayleigh Gascoigne  
James Cox  
Oliver Forder  
Debby Hallett  
Robert Maddison  
Sally Povolotsky

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Vivien Williams,  
Head of Legal and Democratic (Interim)

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## Open to the Public including the Press

### 1. Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence and the attendance of substitute members.

### 2. Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chair.

### 3. Declaration of interests

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests or any conflicts of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

(Pages 4 - 24)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Scrutiny Committee minutes of the meetings held on 2 November 2023 and 5 December 2023.

### 5. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

### 6. Work schedule and dates for all Vale and Joint scrutiny meetings

(Pages 25 - 27)

To review the attached scrutiny work schedule. Please note, although the dates are confirmed, the items under consideration are subject to being withdrawn, added to or rearranged without further notice.

## REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### **7. Budget setting report 2024/25**

For Scrutiny Committee to consider the report of the Head of Finance on Budget Setting 2024/25, and make any recommendations to Cabinet (papers to follow).

### **8. Corporate Plan 2024-2028 - to agree an approach to the new corporate plan**

For Scrutiny Committee to consider and provide comments on the report of the Head of Policy and Programmes, on the Corporate Plan 2024 - 2028 approach. (Report to follow)

### **9. Future direction of The Beacon, Wantage** (Pages 28 - 234)

Scrutiny Committee will be reviewing and providing feedback on the draft Cabinet report considering the Future Direction of The Beacon, Wantage. (Cabinet report and appendices are attached).

### **10. Exclusion of the public**

To consider whether to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business under Part 1 of Schedule 12A Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 on the grounds that:

- (i) it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and
- (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

In this agenda item, Scrutiny Committee can consider confidential appendices from the report: Future direction of The Beacon, Wantage, if they require this.