

Cheltenham Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: 6 July 2026

Meeting time: 6.00 pm

Meeting venue: Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership:

Councillor Tabi Joy (Chair), Councillor Jackie Chelin (Vice-Chair), Councillor Victoria Atherstone, Councillor Graham Beale, Councillor Julia Chandler, Councillor Chris Day, Councillor Cathy Dearden, Councillor Sandra Holliday, Councillor Martin Horwood and Councillor Stan Smith

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1 Apologies

2 Declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 16)

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2026.

4 Public and Member questions, calls for actions and petitions

5 Cabinet Briefing

18:10 15 mins

Briefing from Councillor Hay, Leader (if she has an update, or if O&S Members have questions for her)

Objective: An update from the Cabinet on key issues for Cabinet Members which may be of interest to Overview and Scrutiny and may inform the work plan
To include a regular update on the Household Recycling Centre from the Leader/Cabinet Member Waste, Recycling and the public realm.

6 Safety of Women and Young Girls in the Borough (Pages 17 - 20) 18:25 15 mins

Objective : To update O&S on the work being carried out by the Cheltenham Community Safety Partnership in response to the “Your experiences, your voice – Life in Cheltenham for young women” report and event.

Information/Briefing note from Safeguarding and Partnerships Manager – Tracy Brown and Head of Communities, Wellbeing and Partnerships – Richard Gibson.

7 Cheltenham Zero (Pages 21 - 32)

18:40 30 mins

Objective : To receive the Annual Climate Zero report.

Information/ discussion paper from Climate and Decarbonisation Manager – Mark Lawson

8 Gloucestershire LGR Scrutiny Panel (Pages 33 - 50)

19:10 15 mins

Objective : To nominate two representatives to represent Cheltenham on the Local Government Scrutiny panel involving all Councils from Gloucestershire.

Deputy Interim Monitoring Officer – Alison McKane

9 Feedback from other scrutiny meetings attended (Pages 51 - 54)

Gloucestershire Health O&S Committee (26th May 2026) – update from Councillor Bamford

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (20th March 2026) – update from Councillor Atherstone – to follow

Budget Scrutiny Working Group - update from a Member of Budget Scrutiny Working Group – next meeting is in July.

10 Updates from scrutiny task groups

There are currently no active scrutiny task groups

11 Review of scrutiny workplan (Pages 55 - 58)

To consider and approve the draft scrutiny work plan 2025/26 – the current draft plan – still hold items that were due at committee and are not in a position to be brought forward at the moment. This will be amended after the O&S planning meeting.

12 Any other item that the Chair determines to be urgent

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 7th 2026.

Informal de-brief

What went well? Can we identify opportunities for improvement or training needs?