



# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Mon 12 Jan  
2026  
6.30 pm



Oakenshaw Community Centre,  
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## **GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

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**If you have any questions regarding the agenda or attached papers, please do not hesitate to contact the officer named above.**

### **GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON**

Meeting attendees are encouraged not to attend the Committee meeting if they have any of the following common symptoms of covid or flu on the day of the meeting; a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or a loss of smell and / or taste.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The usual process for public speaking at Committee meetings will continue to be followed subject to some adjustments which allow written statements to be read out on behalf of residents and the virtual participation of residents at the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In order to register to speak at the meeting in regard to the items on the agenda (under the public speaking item), contact the officer named above by the deadline of midday on Thursday 8 January 2026.

### **Notes:**

**Although this is a public meeting, there are circumstances when the Committee might have to move into closed session to consider exempt or confidential information. For agenda items that are exempt, the public are excluded and for any such items all recording of that part of the meeting will be suspended.**

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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:

Matthew Dormer  
(Chair)  
Craig Warhurst  
(Vice-Chair)  
William Boyd  
Claire Davies  
James Fardoe

Andrew Fry  
Sachin Mathur  
Rita Rogers  
Paul Wren

### 1. Apologies and Named Substitutes

### 2. Declarations of Interest and of Party Whip

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests, and any Party Whip.

### 3. Minutes (Pages 7 - 16)

The minutes of the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 November 2025 will be considered at this meeting.

### 4. Public Speaking

To invite members of the public who have registered in advance of the meeting to speak to the Committee.

### 5. Biodiversity Duty First Consideration Report - Pre-Scrutiny

This report will follow in a supplementary papers pack after it has been published for the meeting of Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 5 January).

### 6. Homelessness Prevention Grant Funding 2026/27 to 2028/29 (including Rough Sleeper Grant) and Domestic Abuse Grant - Pre-Scrutiny

This report will follow in a supplementary papers pack after it has been published for the meeting of Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 5 January).

### 7. Executive Committee Work Programme - Selecting Items for Scrutiny

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The latest version of the Executive Work Programme will be published in a supplementary papers pack (on Monday 5 January 2026).

## **8. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 17 - 20)**

## **9. Task Groups, Short Sharp Reviews and Working Groups - Update Reports**

- a) Budget Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst
- b) Performance Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst
- c) Post-16 Education Task Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst

## **10. External Scrutiny Bodies - Update Reports**

- a) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council Representative, Councillor Boyd;
- b) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council Representative, Councillor Fardoe; and
- c) Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Council Representative, Councillor Fry.

## **11. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act”.

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:

- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;

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- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;
  - Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
  - Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;
- and may need to be considered as 'exempt'.

## **12. Rubicon Leisure Priorities and Progress Update** (Pages 21 - 32)

This item contains exempt information and may need to be considered in exempt (private) session.