



## **Cabinet Tuesday, 17 June 2025**

### **ADDENDA 2**

#### **3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

The corrected version of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2025 is attached.

#### **4. Questions from County Councillors (Pages 5 - 6)**

Question and answer attached.

#### **5. Petitions and Public Address (Pages 7 - 8)**

List of speakers attached.

#### **6. Appointments 2025-26 (Pages 9 - 16)**

Updated annex with nominations attached.

#### **14. Forward Plan and Future Business**

There are no updates to report to this meeting.

#### **15. For information only: Cabinet responses to Scrutiny Reports (Pages 17 - 18)**

- Local Area Partnership SEND Update (Education and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee) – corrected version attached.

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## CABINET

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.30 pm

### Present:

**Voting Members:** Councillor Liz Leffman – in the Chair  
Councillor Dr Pete Sudbury (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Andrew Gant  
Councillor John Howson  
Councillor Dan Levy  
Councillor Dr Nathan Ley  
Councillor Judy Roberts

**Other Members in Attendance:** Councillor Donna Ford

### Officers:

Whole of meeting Martin Reeves (Chief Executive) Lorna Baxter (Executive Director of Resources & Section 151 Officer), Stephen Chandler (Executive Director of People, transformation and Performance), Anita Bradley (Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer), Chris Reynolds (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

*The Cabinet considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **65/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

(Agenda Item. 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bearder, Fawcett and Gregory.

### **66/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda Item. 2)

There were none.

### **67/25 MINUTES**

(Agenda Item. 3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2025 were approved as a correct record.

**68/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda Item. 4)

There were none received.

**69/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda Item. 5)

There were no requests received.

**70/25 APPOINTMENTS**

(Agenda Item. 6)

There were no appointments to report to this meeting.

**71/25 REPORTS FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

(Agenda Item. 7)

Councillor Kieron Mallon, Chair of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented the report in Co-production in Adult Social Care.

Cabinet received the report and will respond in due course.

**72/25 COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME FOR 2025/26**

(Agenda Item. 8)

Cabinet had before it a report setting out the intended approach to support those residents who were most negatively impacted by cost-of-living pressures following the government's announcement of an extension of the Household Support Fund from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

The report also provided the latest position on the impact of cost-of-living pressures and set out highlights from the 2024/25 funding programme.

Councillor Dr Nathan Ley, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety, presented the report. Councillor Lay highlighted the main elements of the programme including holiday free school meal support, resident support scheme (crisis payments and local district level funding), and advice services. He also congratulated the cost of living team for their nomination for the best small team of the year at the Local Government Chronicle Awards

During discussion, members referred to the government's plan to publish a child poverty strategy later in the year. The importance of protecting those struggling with the cost of living was emphasised.

**RECOMMENDED to:-**

- a) approve the support package for 2025/26, as summarised in Table 2**
- b) approve the repurposing £85,000 of funding held in the Emergency Welfare Fund reserve to support the Community Wealth Building programme**
- c) delegate authority to the Director for Public Affairs, Policy & Partnerships in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities and Community Safety, to approve the deployment of unallocated funds for emerging need, and to amend the programme during the year in response to changing and emerging need, within the overall programme budget**

**73/25 CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS - APRIL 2025**

(Agenda Item. 9)

Cabinet had before it which set out change requests requiring Cabinet approval that will be incorporated into the agreed Capital programme and included in the next update to programme in June 2025.

Councillor Dan Levy, Cabinet Member for Finance, presented the report. He referred to the two schemes detailed in the report relating to energy saving measures funded through corporate resources and a government decarbonisation scheme and fire safety improvements in council buildings, ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Both initiatives reflected the council's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and maintaining safe facilities.

**RESOLVED to:**

- a) approve the addition of a new phase of energy saving measures into the capital programme, at a total cost of £10.360m. The two-year programme will run from 2025-2027 and is to be funded by £10.000m from corporate resources, as approved by Council in February 2025, with the remaining £0.360m to be funded by a successful bid to Phase 4 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS4).**
- b) approve the inclusion of phase 2 and 3 of Fire Compartmentation Remedial works into the capital programme, at a cost of £3.700m. The programme of work is to be funded from £2.000m corporate resources agreed by Council in February 2024 and a further £1.700m agreed by Council in February 2025.**

**74/25 DELEGATED POWERS REPORT FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2025**  
(Agenda Item. 10)

There were no executive decisions taken under delegated powers during the period January to March 2025 to report to this meeting.

**75/25 FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS**  
(Agenda Item. 11)

The Cabinet considered a list of items for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet together with changes and additions set out in the schedule of addenda.

**RESOLVED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.**

**76/25 FOR INFORMATION ONLY: CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY ITEM**  
(Agenda Item. 12)

Cabinet noted the response to the Scrutiny item on Infrastructure Funding Statement and S.106 Project Review.

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Date of signing .....

## CABINET – 17 JUNE 2025

### ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

<b>1. COUNCILLOR DAVID HENWOOD</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</b>
<p>The attached list (<b>paragraph 13 of Item 9 in the Cabinet agenda - <a href="#">(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Cabinet, 17/06/2025 14:00</a></b>) was composed by officers to mitigate congestion in East Oxford. Why wasn't the LTN scheme considered for removal, in line with Oxford Bus Company advice? (Letter from Paul Marion, CEO of the Oxford Bus Company, also attached below)</p> <p>Why is a congestion charge being introduced to areas of Oxford that don't suffer from Congestion and outperforming nitrogen dioxide levels set by central government, and what evidence is there that the</p>	<p>The LTNs are county council policy and have been through a process of consultation and decision-making to establish the legal foundation. They support the county council's vision to remove 1 in 4 car trips in county by 2030 and accord with the adopted road hierarchy, which prioritises those walking and cycling over car drivers, many of whom are in single occupancy cars – the least efficient form of transport. They offer significant benefits to those living within the LTN streets which were previously dominated by through traffic. As Mr Marion has stated, in unequivocal terms, they support the broad intent of traffic restraint policies, including LTNs, which are part of a comprehensive package of measures, working in unison, to reduce congestion in the city to make walking, cycling and public transport the natural first choice for local trips. It is unfortunate that the county council has not been able to implement the traffic filter trial due to Network Rail's ongoing works on Botley Road. The traffic filters are expected to transform the city by removing congestion and making bus journeys fast and reliable while improving the conditions for walking and cycling. The LTNs are part of the solution, not the problem. The problem is too many cars on Oxford's historic and narrow road network.</p> <p>Cllr Henwood seems content to paraphrase Mr Marion, without context, from 2023 but completely ignores his more recent quotes from May 2025 regarding</p>

centre of Oxford is suffering from congestion?



Bus companies  
blame LTNS for ruinin

congestion in Oxford being at "emergency levels". Mr Marion has stated that bus journeys times have worsened by 17% on the Abingdon Road since the Botley Road closure. Average traffic speeds on the main routes into the city centre are around 40% slower in the morning and evening peaks and 30% slower at midday than in the middle of the night. Ten years ago, those figures were exactly the same – congestion is a chronic problem not something manufactured by LTNs. In June 2011, the Oxford Mail reported that Oxford was the 13th most congested city in Europe (Cambridge was 48th). And all without an LTN in sight.

As anyone who travels in Oxford knows, the system is on a knife-edge: it doesn't take much for a 5-minute hop to turn into a 30-minute slog. We will never deliver the fast, affordable and reliable bus services everyone says they want until we reduce the pressure on the transport network. That requires us all to drive a bit less, so that we can all move a lot faster. Removing LTNs in East Oxford will not assist with this. This emergency situation, created by the continued closure of Botley Road, is the primary reason why the county council would like to consult on a temporary congestion charge, to alleviate the chronic congestion and achieve policy goals, adopted since 2015.



# Agenda Item 5

## CABINET – 17 JUNE 2025

### ITEM 5 – PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

Item	Speakers
7 – Report from Scrutiny Committee - Place OSC report to Cabinet - Transport Working Group	Amanda Chumas Danny Yee
9 – Traffic Filter Trial Delay – Mitigation Proposals	Ian Loader (in person)
	City Councillor Katherine Miles
	John Center
	Luke Marion (in person)
	Sajad Khan (in person)
	Becky Carlyle (in person)
	Jeremy Mogford
	Danny Yee
	Patrick Lingwood (in person)
	Robin Tucker
	Aeron Buchanan
	City Councillor Lubna Arshad
	Anne Gwinnett (in person)
	Emily Scaysbrook
	Duncan Parkes
	Chris Hanson
	Councillor Emily Kerr
	Councillor David Henwood
	Councillor Emma Garnett
	Councillor James Fry

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**ANNEX**

**Category A - 2025/26 Appointments**

**Section 1 – Joint Committees**

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
Thames Valley Fire Control Service	2		Jenny Hannaby	
			Neil Fawcett	
Traffic Penalty Tribunal - Outside London Adjudication Committee	1	Cabinet Member for Transport	Andrew Gant	
Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee	1	Leader of the Council	Liz Leffman	Neil Fawcett
Thames Valley Collaboration Group	1		Jenny Hannaby	
Didcot Garden Town Board	1		Liz Leffman	

**Section 2 – Local Statutory Bodies**

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
Adoption Panels	4		Roz Smith	
			Susanna Pressel	

			Vacancy (OxAll)	
			Emma Markham	
<b>Fostering Panels</b>	2		Nick Cotter	
			Toyah Overton	
<b>Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)</b>	4		Roz Smith	
			Imade Edosomwan	
			Vacancy (OxAll)	
			James Barlow	

### Section 3 – Strategic Partnerships

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
<b>Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership Board</b>	1	Leader of Council	Liz Leffman	Kate Gregory
<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>	4	Leader of Council, Cabinet Member for Adults , Public Health,	Liz Leffman	
			Tim Bearder	

		Children's and Young People	Sean Gaul	
			Kate Gregory	
<b>Children's Trust Board</b>	2	Cabinet Members for Children & Young People and Public Health & Inequalities	Sean Gaul	
			Kate Gregory	
<b>Health Improvement Partnership Board</b>	1	Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Health	Kate Gregory	
<b>Integrated Care Partnership</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Adults	Tim Bearder	
<b>Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Adults	Tim Bearder	
<b>Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Public Health	Kate Gregory	
<b>Oxford Strategic Partnership</b>	1		Neil Fawcett	
<b>Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance</b>	1	Cabinet Member with responsibility for local communities	Jenny Hannaby	
<b>Oxfordshire Environmental Partnership</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action	Judy Roberts	
<b>Milestone Strategic Partnership Board</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Transport Management	Andrew Gant	

<b>Rural Services Network</b>	1		Liz Leffman	Neil Fawcett
<b>South East Employers</b>	3		Neil Fawcett	
			Lesley McLean	
			Gareth Epps	
<b>Viridor Strategic Partnership Board</b>	1	Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action	Judy Roberts	

#### Section 4 – Standing Advisory Bodies

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
<b>Oxfordshire Music Hub Board</b>	3		Dan Levy	
			Glynis Phillips	
			Vacancy (Ox All)	
<b>Schools Organisation Stakeholder Group</b>	5	Non-executive County Council Members and 1 observer with no voting rights - Cabinet Member with responsibility for Education	Andy Graham	
			Judith Edwards	
			John Shiri	

			Sean Gaul	
			Vacancy	

### Section 5 - Informal Member/Officer Working Groups

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Members	Substitute
<b>Corporate Parenting Panel</b>	9	On the nomination of the political groups according to political balance	Liz Brighthouse Izzy Creed Maggie Filipova-Rivers Jane Hanna Ben Higgins Toyah Overton James Plumb Judy Roberts James Robertshaw	
<b>West End Steering Group</b>	2	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member	Liz Leffman	
			Judy Roberts	

### Section 6 – Strategic Outside Body

Organisation	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
<b>County Councils Network (CNN)</b>	4	4 County Councillors - in the past this has been Leader/ Deputy Leader	Liz Leffman	
			Neil Fawcett	
			Dan Levy	
			Judy Roberts	
<b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b>			Liz Leffman (C.V)	Kate Gregory
			Dan Levy	
			Neil Fawcett	
			Judy Roberts	
<b>Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils</b>	1		Diana Lugova	
<b>Oxfordshire Care Partnership</b>	1		Tim Bearder	
<b>Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum</b>	1		Andrew Coles	
<b>Community First Oxfordshire (formerly Oxfordshire Rural Community Council)</b>	1		Ian Middleton	

## Section 7 – Member Champions

	Number of Reps	Status of Rep	Member	Substitute
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<b>Active Travel &amp; Cycling Champion</b>	1		Emily Kerr	
<b>Public Transport Champion</b>	1		Chris Brant	
<b>Future Generations Champion</b>	1		Gareth Epps	
<b>Water Resources Champions</b>	2		Andy Graham	
			Peter Stevens	
<b>Mental Health &amp; Loneliness Champion</b>	1		Vacancy	
<b>Marmot Champion</b>	1		Bethia Thomas	
<b>Military</b>	1	The Leader of the Council (or such other person as nominated) acts as Armed Forces Champion on behalf of the County, then each military base has a champion who acts as a point of contact	Liz Leffman	

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## Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

*Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested<sup>1</sup> and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.*

*This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.*

### Issue: Local Area Partnership SEND Update

**Lead Cabinet Member(s):** Cllr John Howson, Cabinet Member for Children, Education, and Young People's Services; Cllr Kate Gregory, Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement

**Date response requested:**<sup>2</sup> 25 March 2025

#### Response to report:

#### Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council will publish the most recent Key Performance Indicators reported to the SIAB as well as the RAG Rated Priority Action Plan tracker.	Partially accepted	We are revising our priority action plan and the associated KPIs and RAG ratings. A white paper on SEND is due imminently and we may need to reflect that in our approach. Therefore, we will be in a position to publish information in early autumn.

<sup>1</sup> Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

<sup>2</sup> Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

## Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

<p>2. That the Council should set out how the views of the SEND Youth Forum, and its members, will be taken into account and how they will be presented, including any consultation prior to the publication of any reports about the Forum.</p>	<p>Partially Accepted</p>	<p>The views of the Forum are taken into account as part of service developments. Representatives from the Forum attend SiAB and other activities on a regular basis so that they can inform our improvement journey and service development. Young people are also represented on our Preparation for Adulthood work – specifically supported internships.</p> <p>The local Area Partnership reserves the right to use information about the Forum and any reporting about the forum in the line of operational work without direct consultation prior to publication. In practice the forum understands its work will be used in a range of areas and the mechanism follows a well-established process that is used in participation and engagement practice such as in Corporate Parenting and Children in Care Councils.</p>
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