

Forward Plan

September 2025 Supplement

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The Cabinet's Forward Plan: Introduction

This Forward Plan outlines the decisions which are expected to be made over the coming four-month period by or on behalf of the County Council's Cabinet. **NB Also included, for ease of reference, are items for the current month.**

The Plan is arranged in Committee date order, Cabinet or Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member. (The members and their portfolios are listed in the table on the next page.) Each entry briefly describes the subject and scope of the decision; indicates the "target date" on which the decision is expected to be taken and by whom (eg whether the full Cabinet or an individual Cabinet Member); what documents (normally a report by an officer) are expected to be considered; and contact details for the officer(s) dealing with the matter. The Annex is in Cabinet Member portfolio order.

Where consultation is being carried out prior to the decision being taken, the principal consultees are specified. The method of consultation will normally be by letter or – where the views of the wider public are to be sought – by press coverage, supplemented by local notices if the decision affects a particular area. Other methods, such as exhibitions, opinion surveys, community forums etc, may be used to supplement these.

The lists include any "key decisions" - those which are "significant" under the terms of government regulations. In general, a key decision may not be taken unless notice of it has been included in the Forward Plan. More detailed information on what is a key decision can be found in the Council's Constitution on the Council's website. This can also be inspected at County Hall.

However, the Council has decided that Oxfordshire's Forward Plan should include all those matters which are expected to come before the Cabinet in the period of the Plan, whether or not they may give rise to key decisions.

If any key decisions are expected to be taken by officers within the Plan period under powers delegated by the Cabinet, these are included in the Plan.

Unless of a confidential nature, reports and other documents for any meeting can be inspected, from approximately a week before the meeting, at County Hall and online^{2.} Copies can be supplied on request, at a charge to cover copying costs.

Making Representations about Forward Plan Items

Anyone who wishes to make representations about a particular matter listed in the Plan should send their comments so as to reach the County Council at least a week before it is due to be considered. Comments should be either:

Posted to "Forward Plan", Law & Governance (Democratic Services), Corporate Services, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND, delivered in person to the same address or e-mailed to forward.plan@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

There is also a facility for making a short address to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member in person. The deadline for any request to do this is 9.00 am on the working day before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact as above, or telephone Oxford 810806) or online^{3.}

¹ Decision Making including Key Decisions – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > The Constitution > Part 2, Article 12 – Decision Making

² Agendas, Minutes & Reports - Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Browse Committee Papers

^{3 &}lt;u>Get Involved in Meetings</u> – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Get involved in meetings

Members of the Cabinet

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/oxfordshire-councillors/oxfordshire-cabinet

AMENDED ITEMS

10 September 2025

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Oxford temporary congestion charge (Ref: 2025/146) Consideration of temporary congestion charge scheme to reduce traffic around Oxford during Network Rail's extended closure of Botley Road.	Cabinet (10 September 2025)	Yes - Affects more than 1 division	Part exempt Paragraphs 2,3	General public and stakeholders		Cabinet Member for Transport Management	Aron Wisdom, Programme Lead (HIF1) Tel: 07776 244856, Mehdi Zegmou, Senior Project Manager (Oxford City)	Director of Environment & Highways

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Fire and Rescue Cover Model (Ref: 2025/152) Proposals for a new operating model that would ensure that Fire and Rescue's	Cabinet (16 September 2025)	Yes - Affects more than 1 division	Fully exempt Paragraph 4	Public and internal staff/representative body consultation will be required following this paper.		Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Safety	Jason Crapper, Area Manager	Chief Fire Officer & Director of Community Safety

The Forward Plan

emergency response				
resources are in the optimal locations to				
ensure that the				
service can provide				
a more effective				
response to				
emergencies, as well				
as provide improved				
geographical				
distribution of full-				
time resources,				
increased				
productivity and				
social value benefits				
for the communities				
of Oxfordshire.				