

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 requested¹ 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: City Centre Accommodation Strategy – Disposal of Old and New County Hall

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Dan Levy, Cabinet member for Finance

Date response requested:² 25 February 2025

Response to report:

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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 should work to ensure that public access to New and Old County Hall is maintained insofar as is possible.	Y	As part of the sale agreement, the purchasers will be required to produce a local community strategy that will be regularly updated. This strategy will ensure public access to Old County Hall is

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		maintained and will include opening the building for events such as Oxford Open Doors.
2. That the Council should set out its strategy and action plan for the city centre's redevelopment and regeneration.	Y	<p>A high level strategy and action plan is being developed that is focussed on the West End and Southern Gateway as key areas of redevelopment and regeneration and as areas where the Council has influence through physical ownership. The strategy and action plan will need to reflect that responsibility for planning and public realm in Oxford sits with Oxford City Council.</p> <p>Indicative timescale: 12 – 16 weeks.</p>