

Divisions Affected – All

COUNCIL
30 JUNE 2026

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) **Annual Report 2025/26**

Report by Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Council is RECOMMENDED to:**

Receive and **NOTE** the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (JHOSC) Annual Report set out in Annex 1.

Executive Summary

2. The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is under a constitutional duty to prepare an annual report. That report is set out in Annex 1 and documents the breadth and depth of the Committee's work over the 2025/26 municipal year.
3. The annual report annexed to this cover report explains some of the key accomplishments and highlights of the Committee's activities over the past municipal year.

Background

4. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Regulation 28(1) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council has a duty to "review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health services in its area".
5. As part of this overarching duty the JHOSC has a duty, enshrined in the Council's Constitution, to report on its activity over the preceding year. The Committee complies with it by producing an annual report on its activity over the preceding year.
6. The Constitution specifies in Part 6.1B s 23 that this report is to be produced annually.

Corporate Priorities

7. Improving health and wellbeing of residents and reducing health inequalities are stated ambitions within the Council's Strategic Plan. This annual report indicates the Committee's scrutiny of the extent to which progress is being made by the Council and its NHS partners in achieving this.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Comments checked by
Bick Nguyen-McBride, Finance Business Partner

Legal Implications

9. Part 6.1B, s. 23 of the Council's constitution requires the production of an annual report, stating that:

The Committee shall produce in April each year a report for the Appointing Authorities on its activities during the preceding year. That report shall also be published to health bodies and the public.

10. This report is presented at the first opportunity the Committee has to report to Council on the activity of the entire preceding civic year.

Comments checked by
Jay Akbar – Head of Legal & Governance (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

Staff Implications

11. None arising from this report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

12. None arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

13. None arising from this report.

Consultations:

14. None arising from this report.

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Annex: 1. JHOSC Annual Report 2025/2026

Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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