



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Forward Plan

**May 2026
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 via a link 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.¹ 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 online². 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 three working days before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk, or telephone Oxford 810806) or online³.

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 [Get Involved in Meetings](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Get involved in meetings

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NEW ITEMS

21 April 2026

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
<p>Devolution Update - Thames Valley Strategic Authority (Ref: 26/097)</p> <p>The report updates on the Thames Valley devolution discussions from December 2025 to March 2026, focusing on the progression towards establishing a Mayoral Strategic Authority (MSA) and the interim step of a Foundation Strategic Authority (FSA) as per evolving government policy.</p>	<p>Cabinet (21 April 2026)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>		<p>Leader</p>	<p>Kim Sawyer, Programme Director - Devolution</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>

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11 May 2026

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
<p>Innovate Oxfordshire - Authority to Trade (Ref: 26/089)</p> <p>Innovate Oxfordshire is the self-funding innovation service for OCC. Part of the service's operating model involves providing innovation services outside the council. The service is requesting the authority to trade innovation-related services to third parties outside the council.</p>	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation (11 May 2026)	No	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation	Katie Parnell, Planning Policy Innovation Team Leader, Jiaquin Zhang, Innovation Planning and Project Manager	Director of Economy & Place

19 May 2026

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Children and Adults Social Care System	Delegated Decisions by	Yes - Revenue	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for	Alastair Read, Head of IT	Deputy Chief Executive

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<p>Maintenance and Support (Ref: 26/092)</p> <p>This is a request to extend our support and maintenance contract for 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader (19 May 2026)</p>	<p>Expenditure > £1m</p>				<p>Resources and Deputy Leader</p>		<p>(Section 151 Officer)</p>
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<p>Didcot Northern Perimeter Road (NPR3) Grant Funding Agreement (Ref: 26/088)</p> <p>Key Decision required for Oxfordshire County Council to accept £6.2M of grant funding originally received by South Oxfordshire District Council under a Grant Determination from the Department for Communities and</p>	<p>Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action (21 May 2026)</p>	<p>Yes - Capital Expenditure > £2m</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action</p>	<p>Burhan Khan, Project Manager - Infrastructure Delivery</p>	<p>Director of Environment & Highways</p>

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DEFERRED ITEMS

19 May 2026

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
<p>Re-Negotiation of Project Agreement with Oxfordshire Care Partnership (Ref: 26/061)</p> <p>The Oxfordshire Care Partnership is a joint venture between Order of St Johns Care Trust and BPHA, operating under a Project Agreement to maintain council-owned care homes and provide care services. The contract began in 2001 and was extended in 2013 to 2032. Options for service delivery and home management will apply from April 2027. Approval is</p>	Cabinet (19 May 2026)	Yes - Affects more than one division and Revenue Expenditure > £1m	Fully exempt.	Internal consultation and Cabinet Member briefings.	Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 21/04/2026 to 19/05/2026. Reason: Further work required.	Cabinet Member for Adults, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation	Simon Walkden, Strategic Commercial Partner - People	Director of Adult Social Care

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sought to complete negotiations and vary the existing contract.								
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