

Divisions: ALL

CABINET – 16 JUNE 2026

APPOINTMENTS 2026/27

Report by Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) **AGREE** the appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report.

Introduction

1. The report asks the Cabinet to consider Member appointments to a variety of bodies which in different ways support the discharge of the Council's executive functions. The report reflects the basis on which appointments to the respective bodies have been made in the past and, subject to any adjustments that may be considered appropriate, invites the Cabinet to agree arrangements for filling the Councillor places on those bodies.
2. The Cabinet was originally asked to make appointments to the bodies listed in Annex 1 at its meeting on 19 May. However, in view of decision of the former Leader to step down from her position as Leader on 12 May, and the Cabinet meeting occurring before Council could appoint its new Leader on 20 May, the decision to agree arrangements for filling Councillor places on outside bodies was deferred. The membership of the Cabinet and specific portfolios within it have also since been updated, and this report seeks to reflect these changes.
3. Appointments to Outside Bodies are addressed in Paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations (England) 2000. Schedule 2 sets out the functions which may be (but need not be) the responsibility of an authority's executive. Paragraph 19 provides for:

“The appointment of any individual—

(a) to any office other than an office in which he is employed by the authority;

(b) to any body other than—

(i) the authority;

(ii) a joint committee of two or more authorities; or

(c) to any committee or sub-committee of such a body,

and the revocation of any such appointment.”

4. The Annex to this report only refers to those appointments which are the direct

responsibility of Cabinet to make. There are other outside body appointments that are the responsibility of the of Council, its committees or local processes as appropriate. A further report is anticipated over the summer to amend this list as part of a wider update on outside body representation.

Joint Committees

5. These are formal bodies set up to exercise statutory functions jointly with other authorities. Members of joint committees exercising executive functions must be members of the Cabinet.
6. The current joint committees are listed in **Section 1** of the Annex to this report.¹

Local Statutory Bodies

7. The County Council is required to set up and run a number of local bodies in connection with certain statutory functions, typically with other organisations. County Council representation is not generally limited to Cabinet Members.
8. The current local statutory bodies are listed in **Section 2** of the Annex to this report.

Strategic Partnerships

9. This category comprises Partnerships which the Cabinet has designated as 'strategic' and whose membership Cabinet has agreed should be linked to the role of Cabinet Member/s and not to individually named members.
10. Cabinet are asked to note that the Oxford Local Enterprise Partnership has now become Enterprise Oxfordshire. Further, Cabinet are asked to note that the Integrated Care Partnership no longer refers to the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership, but instead the newly-formed Thames Valley Integrated Care Partnership.
11. The current strategic partnerships are listed in **Section 3** of the Annex to this report.

Standing Advisory Bodies

12. This category comprises bodies which have been set up on a permanent basis in connection with particular functions. They do not possess executive powers but provide a forum for discussion and liaison. County Council representation is not limited to Cabinet Members.
13. The current standing advisory bodies are listed in **Section 4** of the Annex to this report.

¹ Please note that the references to Cabinet Member roles in the Annex do not always correlate exactly with current Cabinet Member titles; the closest is nominated.

Informal Member/Officer Working Groups

14. This is a diverse group of informal bodies set up from time to time to assist with the discharge of the responsibilities of the Cabinet. There is a wide variety of form and purpose, from purely internal management tools to inter-authority forums for overseeing issues of common interest. Members and officers share an equal status on these bodies, which are not subject to the access to information rules applying to formal committees and subcommittees; however, some are open to the public and may allow public address at their meetings.
15. These bodies cannot exercise executive functions themselves but provide available forum for discussion of issues outside the formal decision-making processes. Where voting on such groups is permitted, this can only be on the basis of an indicative view and cannot in any way bind the body responsible for the ultimate decision.
16. Please note, that owing to the fact that appointments are made by political group leaders, and not by Cabinet, the Corporate Parenting Panel has been removed from this list.
17. The informal Member/officer working groups are listed in **Section 5** of the Annex to this report.

Strategic Outside Bodies

18. The Cabinet is responsible for appointments to those outside bodies which it has identified as 'strategic' and which have been endorsed as such by the Council.
19. The strategic outside bodies are listed in **Section 6** of the Annex to this report.

Member Champions

20. Cabinet may appoint Member Champions under Part 1.2 of the Constitution. The current Champions are listed in **Section 7**.

Financial Implications

21. There are no direct financial implications for this report.

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Legal Implications

22. Appointments to joint committees or working groups that exercise executive functions fall within the remit of the Cabinet.

22. Appointments or nominations to outside bodies are made pursuant to the Council's Constitution (Part 3.4 paragraph 1(e)) which gives Cabinet the authority to appoint to a list of external bodies agreed by Council.
23. There are no other specific legal implications directly arising from this report.

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Annex: Proposed appointments for 2026/27

Background papers: Nil

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