

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: Domestic Abuse – Safe Accommodation Provision

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Kate Gregory, Cabinet Member for Public Health & Inequalities

Date response requested:² 19 May 2026

Response to report:

The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board reiterates its strong commitment to supporting victim-survivors of domestic abuse through the provision of safe accommodation. It welcomes the scrutiny and constructive discussion in this area and recognises the importance of continuing to strengthen the evidence base around outcomes for those accessing these services. To support this, the proposed action ensures the recommendation can be taken forward effectively.

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
That the Council will work with the commissioned domestic abuse service	Accepted	Undertake the 2026/27 annual Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service audit with a specific focus on capturing longer-term

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provider, A2Dominion, to explore options for systematic long-term follow-up with victim-survivors after they leave safe accommodation to understand ongoing wellbeing, identify unmet needs, and inform future commissioning and service improvements. This will be developed in consultation with the service provider and mindful of their capacity and contractual scope.		outcomes for victim-survivors who move on from safe accommodation. Findings will be reported through contract monitoring processes, with a detailed update presented at the Q4 2026/27 contract monitoring meeting.
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