

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: **BMMR (Fire and Rescue Service Focus)**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Neil Fawcett, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources**

Date response requested:² **15 September 2026**

Response to report:

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¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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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 Cabinet ensures broader and more reflective routine reporting on Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service performance within the BMMR, including benchmarking against comparable services, resilience measures and key performance indicators.		
2. That the Cabinet provides further information to the Committee regarding firefighter recruitment and retention activity, including current challenges, recruitment initiatives and reflections on their success.		
3. That the Cabinet provides greater transparency regarding the anticipated financial implications of Local Government Reorganisation for Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, including any additional costs that may arise for future authorities or residents.		

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4. That the Cabinet ensures that future Fire and Rescue Service response modelling, risk assessments and performance reporting explicitly consider the protection of heritage assets, including the implications for response times and incident planning in relation to heritage buildings.		
5. That the Cabinet provides the Committee with an opportunity to scrutinise and comment upon the next Community Risk Management Plan, or any successor strategic planning document, at an early stage of its development prior to finalisation.		