

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: **OxBus 2040: Plan for Bus and Enhanced Partnership Plus**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Gareth Epps, Cabinet Member for Transport**

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

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council's OxBUS 2040 consultation should place a strong emphasis on rural connectivity and the protection of socially necessary services.		

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

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2. That the Council should give consideration to the role of rural feeder and shuttle services, including car clubs, as part of the wider network design.		
3. That the Council should ensure that further work is undertaken to assess the benefits of real-time passenger information, particularly in rural areas.		
4. That the Council should ensure that the Plan should strengthen alignment with planning and development, including the use of Section 106 contributions to secure early bus provision.		
5. That the Council should ensure that the Plan should articulate more clearly how it will deliver integration across modes, including rail and mobility hubs.		
6. That the Council should include a section which contextualises the rebuilding of the bus network in the Plan.		
7. That the Council should ensure that the framework for Enhanced Partnership Plus clearly sets out legal obligations, operator responsibilities, and associated risks.		
8. That the Council should ensure that the Plan should incorporate learning from best practice elsewhere, including national and international examples.		
9. That the Council should ensure, when the Plan is submitted to Cabinet, that Oxon for Buses's full submission is included.		

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