

Division(s): N/A

CABINET – 15 September 2026

FORWARD PLAN AND FUTURE BUSINESS

Items identified from the Forward Plan for Forthcoming Decision

Topic/Decision

Portfolio/Ref

CABINET MEETINGS

20 OCTOBER 2026

Cabinet, 20 October 2026

▪ Proposed Resource Base transfer from SENSS to schools This report seeks Cabinet approval to transfer responsibility for Resource Bases currently managed by Oxfordshire County Council's Special Educational Needs Support Service (SENSS) to host schools. The proposal forms part of wider SEND reform and Target Operating Model (TOM) work to create a sustainable, equitable and school-led model of specialist provision. Resource Bases provide specialist support to children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), including those with communication and interaction needs, physical disabilities, and hearing impairments. The proposed changes will align delivery and funding arrangements with established Resource Base models, ensuring greater consistency across the system while strengthening accountability and improving outcomes for children and young people.	Cabinet, 26/162 - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
▪ Economic Development Strategy A new economic strategy for Oxfordshire is currently in development. This item is to approve the strategy, make funding decisions, and delegate authority as necessary.	Cabinet, 26/017 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy
▪ Speedwell House Early Works Package The Speedwell House project was re-baselined for both cost and programme against the revised scope in November 2025 (refurbishment and remodelling of existing building). The revised design avoids work in the ground therefore removes the risk of archaeology discovery. To achieve both budget and programme it has been determined that an Early Works package needs to be instructed to enable construction work to commence early and in advance of full business case approval.	Cabinet, 26/183 - Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation

The key benefits to the instruction of these early works include avoidance of a delay of up to 4 month to completion, and, placing early orders for several large packages will help to reduce the impact of inflation caused by the Middle East situation.	
▪ Business Management and Monitoring Report (October 2026) The business management reports are part of a suite of performance, risk and budget documents which set out our ambitions, priorities, and financial performance. Finance Forecast - August month end Performance & Risk - Quarter 1	Cabinet, 26/034 - Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation
▪ Capital Programme Monitoring Report (August 2026) Financial Report on capital spending against budget allocations, including any necessary capital programme approvals	Cabinet, 26/040 - Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation
▪ Movement and Place Plans The West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place Plan (MAP Plan) is the third plan the council has prepared and developed in the MAP Plan Programme. It sets out key objectives for the areas of Witney, Carterton, Burford and surrounding villages, working collaboratively with local members, key stakeholders and the community to inform the submission version. The Plan works towards the council supporting and delivering upon its Local Transport and Connectivity targets and delivering Policies 52 and 53 respectively which noted the aspiration to deliver localised movement and place plans.	Cabinet, 26/086 - Cabinet Member for Transport
▪ Lane Rental Board Governance Arrangements For Cabinet to discuss and decide upon preferred governance arrangements for surplus Lane Rental funds.	Cabinet, 26/168 - Cabinet Member for Transport
▪ Community Benefit and Shared Ownership Policy Adoption of a policy on community benefit from, and shared ownership of, future commercial renewable energy development in the County. Agree the establishment of the necessary governance and operational structures required to implement the policy. Agree to review the policy one year from the date of	Cabinet, 26/165 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy

implementation.	
▪ Response to Motion by Councillor Barlow on Climate Impact Council requests that cabinet considers: • Significantly increased investment through the Council's remaining years' budget process to accelerate Oxfordshire's capacity and capability to convene and work at impactful scale, in multi-stakeholder action groups, embedding climate adaptation as standard operational procedure. • Supporting multiple location-specific initiatives, working with councillors, officers, partner organisations and local communities, to build resilience through collaborative action to: - o Reduce the risks associated with river, groundwater, surface water and flash flooding - o Improve resilience to extreme heat and mitigate urban heat island effects."	Cabinet, 26/184 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy
▪ OxRail 2040 Update and Delivery Plan Providing an update on OxRail 2040, including the delivery plan and proposed funding allocations.	Cabinet, 26/194 - Cabinet Member for Transport
▪ Establishment of Thames Valley Strategic Planning Board This report seeks Cabinet approval for Oxfordshire County Council to become a constituent authority of the proposed Thames Valley Strategic Planning Board, a joint governance body being established by Thames Valley local authorities to provide strategic leadership and oversight of the Thames Valley Strategic Development Strategy (SDS). The Board will enable participating authorities to work collaboratively on cross-boundary strategic planning matters, including housing, economic growth, infrastructure, transport, climate, and environmental priorities. It will provide a formal framework for joint decision-making and engagement with regional and national partners to support sustainable growth across the Thames Valley.	Cabinet, 26/198 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy

SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE (CABINET COMMITTEE)

20 OCTOBER 2026

Shareholder Committee (Cabinet Committee), 20 October 2026

▪ Business Plan Update Updated EO Business Plan	Shareholder Committee (Cabinet Committee), 26/188 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy
▪ Adoption of Audited Accounts Shareholder to adopt EO Audited accounts	Shareholder Committee (Cabinet Committee), 26/186 - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy

CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS

CABINET MEMBER: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - CLLR SEAN GAUL

20 OCTOBER 2026

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, 20 October 2026

▪ Homes2Inspire Children's Residential Block Contract Homes2Insoire provide a block contract of 11 placements for children we care for in Oxfordshire. We are seeking a contract extension with a variation. End date of current contract is 31st March 2027, with a 3 year extension period possible.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, 26/154
▪ Young Peoples Supported Accommodation (YPSA) - Contracts and 18+ Asylum Seeker Care Leaver Service Contract Direct award of contracts from 1st October 2027 for a period of 18 months.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, 26/166
▪ South Central Independent Fostering Agency Framework Approval needed to agree the final year of the extension of the South Central IFA Framework, also to approve the variation in the uplift clause of the contract.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, 26/185
▪ Home and Future Fostering Hub Arrangements As part of the Department for Education Families First reforms,	Delegated Decisions by

it is a requirement for Local Authorities to enter into a Fostering Recruitment Hub. This will be overseen by a Regional Care Cooperative (RCC), which is another requirement of the Families First reforms. This requires Oxfordshire County Council to allow its fostering recruitment services to be carried out on a regional basis, hosted by another Local Authority.	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, 26/197
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CABINET MEMBER: FINANCE, PROPERTY AND TRANSFORMATION - CLLR DAN LEVY

9 OCTOBER 2026

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation, 9 October 2026

▪ Didcot Valley Park SEND School A new 1FE 'All Through' Community School to include Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Post 16 teaching provision, encompassing ages 2-19 SEND (Community) - 120 pupil school located at Didcot Valley Park	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation, 26/160
▪ Grove CE Primary School Expansion Funding Agreement Key Decision to approve the entering into a completion of the Funding Agreement with Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) with a maximum funding contribution of £10m	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation, 26/215
▪ Small to Medium Enterprises/Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises Payment Terms Standard Operating Procedures Proposed amendments to payment terms from 30 days to 5 days for SMEs & VCSEs.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation, 26/179

CABINET MEMBER: TRANSPORT - CLLR GARETH EPPS

8 OCTOBER 2026

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 8 October 2026

▪ Oxford Parkway & Thornhill Park and Ride - Tariff Changes Fees and Charges 2026/2027 saw the introduction of 2 new tariffs at Thornhill Park & Ride to accommodate long stay parking. This is because airport buses service the site 24/7. A new 8 day tariff for £15 and a new 15 day tariff for £30 will be created. An amendment to the current maximum stay period of 72 hours users is required.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/145
▪ Burford, Priory Lane - Proposed Bus and Coach Length Restrictions Following a decision at the Cabinet members for Transport meeting in February 2025 to defer an item for the introduction of Bus and Coach restriction on Priory Lane, Burford - the item is being brought back to CMD for a decision	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/212
▪ Local Bus Contracts - Spring 2027 There is a requirement for new and re-awarded bus service contracts across the whole county in January and March 2027. Due to the value of these contracts, they require a Cabinet Member decision.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/216
▪ Proposed Traffic Calming - Townsend Road, Shrivenham (Speed Cushions) Following approval of traffic calming measures including gateway treatments, dragon's teeth road markings and a Speed Indicator Device (June CMD meeting). Following a decision to defer at the June meeting, officers are bringing back a report on the speed cushion element for a further decision.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/175
▪ Proposed Waiting and Loading Restrictions - Oxford City Proposed permit holder restrictions for bays in Temple Road and loading restrictions on Between Towns Road, Oxford. Required to resolve local anomaly in the restrictions and to prevent obstruction to traffic	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/126
▪ Oxford City - Proposed Disabled Person's Parking Places (DPPP's - June 2026) Proposed introduction and changes to Disabled Persons Parking Places in Oxford City, consulted in June 26	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/142
▪ Proposed 20mph Speed Limits - Stoke Talmage Introduction of a 20mph speed limit to promote road safety and part of the councils vision zero project	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/182
▪ Sutton & Stanton Harcourt – Speed limit amendments and traffic calming	Delegated Decisions by

Local scheme pursued in collaboration with Sutton and Stanton Harcourt villages to improve road safety.	Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/180
▪ Proposed Traffic Management orders - Oxford Proposals include prohibition of driving restriction on Bridleway 294/8/40 Old Marston & formalisation of existing signed restrictions in Barracks Lane and A40 North Way	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/158
▪ Proposed 7.5t Weight Limit - Oxford Road/ Hinksey Hill, Kennington During the initial public consultation for the A34 Lodge Hill Planning Application, comment's and concerns were raised by local residents and parish Cllrs regarding potential adverse effects of the new slip road being additional HGV usage along Hinksey Hill to by pass the A34 and re-join at Lodge Hill, and vice versa. The proposals aim to mitigate the potential impacts.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/191
▪ Approval to Enter into Agreements - Ambrosden to Bicester Active Travel Scheme Construction contract for Ambrosden to Bicester Active Travel Scheme	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 25/266
▪ A415 Abingdon Road, Kingston Bagpuize - Proposed 30 & 40mph Speed Limits The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will reduce the existing national speed limit to 40mph on the approach to the roundabout to improve highway safety by lowering vehicle speeds and reducing collision risk. The change will also support safer operation of the junction by improving driver awareness and reaction times. In addition, it will provide consistency with the proposed 40mph speed limit on the adjacent link road, creating a uniform and safer speed environment.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport, 26/121