

Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Friday, 16 January 2026

ADDENDA

5. Budget Proposals for 2026/27 to 2030/31 (Pages 3 - 190)

All Cabinet members and directors have been invited to present a report on the Budget Proposals for 2026/27 – 2030/31

The Committee is asked to consider the report and raise any questions, and to **AGREE** any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet arising therefrom.

NB This report is to follow.

The expected order (and rough timings) are expected to be as follows:

Item	Estimated start time (and next estimate duration)
Standing items	10:00 (10 mins)
Budget introduction & cross-cutting questions (this includes Resources/Law and Governance)	10:10 (30 mins)
Transformation, Digital, Customer Experience	10:40 (15 mins)
Public Health and Communities	10:55 (20 mins)
Environment and Highways	11:15 (40 mins)
Economy and Place	11:55 (30 mins)
Fire/Community Safety	12:25 (15 mins)
	Lunch
Adult Social Care	14:00 (40 mins)
Children, Education and Families	14:40 (40 mins)

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Agenda Item 5

Divisions Affected – All

Performance & Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Budget Proposals 2026/27 to 2030/31

Report by the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer

RECOMMENDATION

1. Noting the requirement for the council to set a sustainable balanced budget for 2026/27, so that the council's income will equal spending plans, the Performance & Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on:
 - a) Proposed changes to from 2025/26 revenue budgets and service budgets for 2026/27 to 2030/31.
 - b) Proposed fees and charges for 2026/27.
 - c) Capital schemes proposed for inclusion in the Capital Programme and pipeline.

Executive Summary

2. This report includes information on funding and other updates announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Autumn Budget on 20 November 2025, the Finance Policy Statement on 26 November 2025, the Provisional Local Government Settlement on 17 December 2025 and further information on grant consolidation published on 18 December 2025. The report also includes new revenue budget proposals for the period 2026/27 to 2030/31, proposed additions to the capital programme and pipeline and proposed fees and charges for 2026/27.
3. The Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27 was published on 17 December 2025 with further information published the following day. Because there have been very few working days since then to understand the implications and impact it has not been possible to propose a balanced budget at this stage. As explained in the report there is currently a deficit of £5.4m in 2026/27 that will need to be closed by the time Cabinet proposes its budget to the Cabinet meeting on 27 January 2026. Further funding reductions mean the deficit will increase by £14.1m in 2027/28 and a further £6.5m in 2028/29. If pressures increased during 2026/27 the deficit in 2027/28 would be even larger.

4. The report provides the opportunity for the Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on the proposals as part of the council's budget engagement process.

5. The following annexes are attached:

Revenue expenditure

- Annex 1 – previously proposed revenue budget changes agreed in February 2025 and new revenue draft budget proposals.

Capital expenditure

- Annex 2 – High priority capital schemes to which indicative funding is proposed to be allocated.

Fees and Charges

- Annex 3 – Proposed Fees and Charges for 2026/27

Impact Assessments

- Annex 4a – Overarching Equality Impact Assessment
- Annex 4b – Overarching Climate Impact Assessment

Budget Engagement

- Annex 5 – Key findings from 2025 residents' survey

Background

6. Oxfordshire County Council provides 85 per cent of local government services by expenditure in Oxfordshire, including adult and children's social care, some education services, fire and rescue, libraries and museums, public health, roads, trading standards, waste disposal and recycling.

7. On 4 November 2025, Council approved and adopted the Strategic Plan 2025-2028. This builds on the 2022-2025 plan and retains the overarching vision of a greener, fairer and healthier Oxfordshire. This is centred around strong and connected communities, healthy places to live, and a thriving local economy that benefits everyone. The plan covers the period from November 2025 up to when the Council will cease to exist and the new unitary authority or authorities in Oxfordshire will formally begin operating. The council's purpose and approach to improving the lives of residents across the three priority objectives is set out in the strategic plan and will be considered through the budget process.

8. The budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) support the strategic plan and are reviewed and updated each year through the budget & business planning process. Through this process the council is required to set a balanced budget for the coming year so that forecast expenditure is aligned with forecast income.

9. From 2026/27 onwards the Fair Funding Review 2.0 along with a business rates reset will deliver the most significant change in the distribution of funding to local government in over a decade. The Government announced individual

local authority funding allocations for 2026/27 – 2028/29 on 17 December 2025 as part of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27. Further information relating to specific grants that will be consolidated from 1 April 2026 onwards was published on 18 December 2025. The final settlement is expected to be received in early February 2026.

10. This report explains the council's updated funding position based on the information known at this stage and what that means when the funding available is combined with budget proposals for 2026/27 onwards.

Introduction

11. The [Budget and Business Planning report to Cabinet on 18 November 2025](#) provides background to the council's existing Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Strategic Plan as well as funding reform and other changes that will affect the council from 2026/27 onwards.
12. Following the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27, this report explains the impact of funding reform on the council along with an update on pressures that need to be managed in 2026/27 and proposals to meet those. At this stage there is a deficit of £5.4m in 2026/27 that will need to be managed by the time Cabinet proposes its budget on 27 January 2026.
13. Funding reform will be phased over three years with more significant reductions in funding expected in 2027/28 and 2028/29 than in 2026/27. Action will be needed early in 2026 to consider how to manage the impact of funding reductions in 2027/28 and 2028/29 within the context of local government reform in Oxfordshire from 1 April 2028.
14. Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2026/27 – 2030/31¹ and proposed fees and charges for 2026/27.
15. The Committee's comments will be included in the Budget and Business Planning report to Cabinet on 28 January 2026. This feedback will be taken into consideration by Cabinet in setting out their proposed revenue budget for 2026/27 and MTFS to 2030/31.

Budget engagement

16. Following the elections in May 2025, the county council engaged on a new [Strategic Plan](#). This was part of a number of engagement activities that ran over the summer with residents, focused on their priorities and seeking their views on local government reorganisation. Activities included nine focus groups, four schools' sounding boards and a representative residents' survey.

¹ For the purposes of Local Government Reorganisation the MTFS is being extended to five years to 2030/31 to align with the Oxfordshire district councils. The capital programme will be extended by one year to cover the 10 - year period to 2035/36.

17. The Strategic Plan was agreed by Cabinet in October 2025 following consideration of this [feedback](#). This feedback is also being used to inform the budget and business planning process.
18. Additional engagement outputs from the 2025 annual representative residents' survey will also be considered by Cabinet and are attached at Annex 4. The council's annual representative residents' survey was undertaken between 26 June and 20 August 2025 and 1,203 residents aged 18+ participated. The final respondent profile was 'weighted' by local authority area, age and gender to reflect Oxfordshire's population aged 18+ from the 2021 census profile.
19. The degree of residents' satisfaction across 20 different council service varied widely. Fourteen services showed significantly increased net satisfaction compared with last residents' survey in 2024 and the largest increases were for registration of births and deaths etc (18 per cent increase), Fire and rescue service - emergency response (14 per cent increase), early years education and support/care for vulnerable groups (13 per cent increase for both). None showed a significant decline in net satisfaction.
20. Overall, the maintenance of roads (63 per cent) was felt to be the council service most important for local people in the area however only 20 per cent were satisfaction with the maintenance of roads and 23 per cent with the maintenance of pavements. The poor condition of highways (16 per cent) was the issue most likely to be spontaneously named by respondents as the most important that residents in their local area faced, and when asked to spontaneously suggest one thing the council should improve, respondents' leading theme was improving roads and paths and fixing potholes (25 per cent).
21. The survey contained a dedicated section specifically to inform the budget. Respondents were given a brief explanation of the financial challenges that the council faces and asked how much they agreed or disagreed with each of a list of 10 possible approaches that the council could take to make savings / generate income. Four of these drew strong net support of nearly +50% or higher and the highest agreement was for reduce costs by operating from fewer buildings and using those we keep to their full capacity, which more than eight out of 10 respondents (84 per cent) agreed with as a course of action for the council. By far the least popular ideas were generating additional income by increasing council tax and reducing spending on frontline services, with net agreement of -40 per cent for each.
22. Against the continued backdrop of the national cost of living crisis, over half the respondents (57 per cent) felt worse off and although most people (56%) had never or rarely struggled to pay bills in the last year, about a quarter (26 per cent) had done so sometimes, 10 per cent most of the time, and 3 per cent all the time.
23. With regards to whether the council should consider potential Council Tax increases of 3.99 or 4.99 per cent to help fund adult social care and other key services, just over a third of respondents (34 per cent) agreed with the notion

of a 3.99 per cent increase, but only 19 per cent supported an increase as high as 4.99 per cent. These two options for potential Council Taxes overall drew general disagreement and net agreement scores of -12 per cent and -40 per cent respectively.

Impact of the Fair Funding Review 2.0

24. Consultation on the Fair Funding Review 2.0 ran from 20 June to 15 August 2025. The response to the consultation and publication of the Finance [Policy Statement](#) were originally expected in late September but were delayed and published by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on 20 November 2025. Some elements of funding in the Policy Statement were not included in the consultation and have a significant impact on the distribution of funding nationally.
25. Behind the new allocations there is a full business rates reset (for the first time since the Business Rates Retention Scheme was introduced in 2013/14), major changes to Relative Needs Formulas (RNFs), and the simplification of many grants into either the Fair Funding Assessment or into one of four Consolidated Grants.
26. Core Spending Power is the government's measure of the core revenue funding available for local authority services through the local government finance settlement. It consists of revenue grant funding made available through the settlement, locally retained business rates and council tax. The calculation of Core Spending Power from 2026/27 includes:

Fair Funding Assessment (and grants rolled into Revenue Support Grant)
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Families First Partnership (within Children, Families and Youth Grant)
+
Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant
+
Council Tax Requirement
+
Recovery Grant (not applicable to Oxfordshire County Council)
+
Funding Floors (not applicable to Oxfordshire County Council)
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Core Spending Power

Oxfordshire County Council's Core Spending Power

27. The council's Core Spending Power for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 was published in the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 17 December 2025 and is shown in Table 1 below.

28. The Fair Funding Allocation will comprise Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and business rates funding (through the Baseline Funding Level). In 2026/27 it also includes the Local Authority Better Care Grant, but this will be rolled into RSG from 2027/28 onwards.

Table 1: Core Spending Power: Oxfordshire County Council²

CORE SPENDING POWER					
Oxfordshire					
Illustrative Core Spending Power of Local Government:	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	£ millions				
Fair Funding Allocation¹	0.0	0.0	177.3	167.2	158.1
<i>of which: Baseline Funding Level</i>	0.0	0.0	69.5	71.1	72.5
<i>of which: Revenue Support Grant²</i>	0.0	0.0	94.6	96.1	85.5
<i>of which: Local Authority Better Care Grant³</i>	0.0	0.0	13.2	-	-
Legacy Funding Assessment	172.1	182.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: Legacy Business Rates⁴</i>	100.6	102.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: Legacy Grant Funding⁵</i>	60.8	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: Local Authority Better Care Grant</i>	10.7	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Council tax requirement^{6,7}	498.6	533.3	570.4	610.0	652.3
Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse^{8,9}	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Families First Partnership¹⁰	1.7	3.3	6.4	6.4	5.5
Total Transitional Protections¹¹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: 95% income protection</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: 100% income protection</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>of which: Fire and Rescue Real-terms floor</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants rolled in to Revenue Support Grant¹²	2.1	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recovery Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recovery Grant Guarantee¹³	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mayoral Capacity Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Core Spending Power	675.8	722.5	755.5	785.1	817.4
Core Spending Power year-on-year change (£ millions)		46.7	33.1	29.6	32.3
Core Spending Power year-on-year change (%)		6.9%	4.6%	3.9%	4.1%
Core Spending Power change since 2024 (£ millions)		46.7	79.7	109.3	141.6
Core Spending Power change since 2024 (%)		6.9%	11.8%	16.2%	20.9%
Core Spending Power change since 2025 (%)			4.6%	8.7%	13.1%

² Published by MHCLG on 17 December 2025 as part of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/26.

29. By 2028/29 the council's Core Spending Power will increase by £94.9m compared to 2025/26. However, council tax projections for 2026/27 to 2028/29 assume that local authorities will increase their Band D council tax in line with the maximum allowable level set out by the council tax referendum principles published alongside the settlement. Core Spending Power therefore assumes that there will be further Council tax increases of 4.99% in each of the next three years paid by Oxfordshire residents which will raise £119m. The difference is a net reduction of £24.1m in grant and business rates funding from central government. This includes an increase of £3.1m in funding for the Families First Partnership that will need to be used to fund new investment and activity in preventative services for children's social care in line with guidance published by the government. The underlying reduction in grant funding is £27.2m.
30. Compared to the assumptions in the MTFS agreed in February 2025 there is a reduction in grant and business rates funding of £5.1m in 2026/27, and a further £11.8m from 2027/28.
31. The Core Spending Power table assumes that the tax base will increase by 1.86% each year. This is higher than the 1.75% assumption in the February 2025 MTFS; by 2028/29 the additional 0.1% growth each year would generate £2.1m more council tax funding. If this doesn't materialise and the increase was 1.75% the funding reduction would be £29.3m.
32. If the council chose not to increase council tax by 4.99% each year the reduction in funding would increase further – ie. this would not be made up from other funding.
33. The reduction in funding is in line with the assumptions set out in the Budget and Business Planning report to Cabinet in October 2025, which estimated a reduction of between £25m and £50m with a mid – range planning assumption of £35m and the Financial Strategy for 2025/26 which explained that reductions in funding of between £20m to £45m could be expected from funding reforms from 2026/27 onwards.

Fair Funding Allocation and Grants Rolled into Revenue Support Grant

Fair Funding Allocation

34. The Fair Funding Allocation is based on a new, updated assessment of relative need, a new resource adjustment, and an expanded approach to adjusting for the differences in costs faced by local authorities.
35. The total amount of local government funding allocated through the Fair Funding Assessment will be split into two parts: a baseline funding level - the amount of need to be met via retained business rates and Revenue Support Grant. In 2026/27 only it will also include the Local Authority Better Care grant.

36. To calculate the Fair Funding Assessment, a relative need share for each local authority is determined using nine Relative Needs Formulae (RNFs). This share is a measure of the costs and demand the council faces in the delivery of local services compared to other local authorities. As a result of this calculation every local authority will receive a unique allocation.

37. The 'overall need share' for 2026/27 onwards will be determined by nine [Relative Needs Formulas \(RNFs\)](#) weighted by the size of relevant expenditure for that service. An 'overall need share' of 1% would mean the local authority has 1% of the total need in England. Oxfordshire County Council's weighted need share for 2026/27 is 0.94% and is made up as follows:

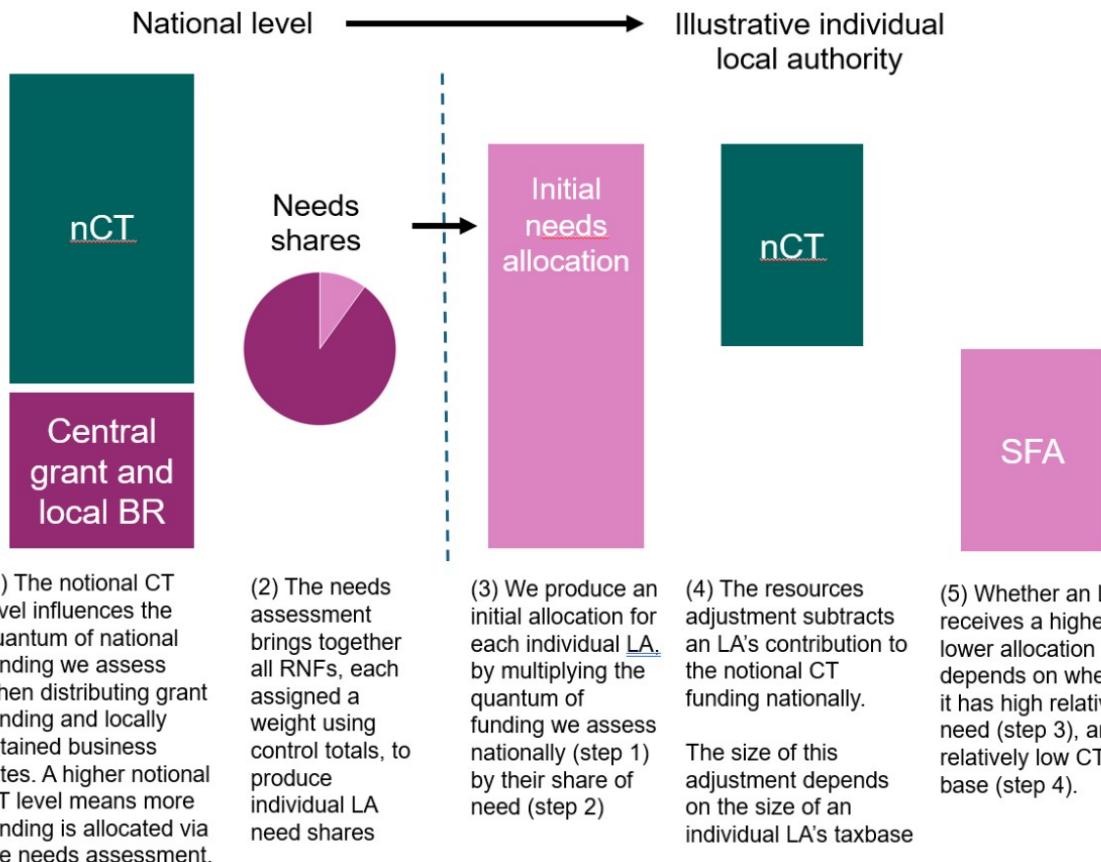
Table 2: Weighted need shares by formula

Formula	Weighted Need Share (2026/27)	Weighted Need Share (2027/28)	Weighted Need Share (2028/29)
Adult Social Care Relative Need Formula	0.421942%	0.423571%	0.425277%
Children and Young People's Services Relative Need Formula	0.172753%	0.172753%	0.172753%
Foundation Formula (Upper Tier)	0.195192%	0.195847%	0.196525%
Fire & Rescue Relative Need Formula	0.050583%	0.050758%	0.050939%
Highways Maintenance Relative Need Formula	0.047314%	0.047314%	0.047314%
Home to School Transport Service Relative Need Formula	0.053723%	0.053723%	0.053723%
Overall Relative Need Share	0.941508%	0.943967%	0.946531%

38. A resource adjustment is then overlaid on the share of funding that is generated as a result of this need share. This directs funding towards places that have a weaker council tax base and are less able to meet their needs through locally raised council tax income. Councils with stronger council tax bases, in relative terms, are assumed to need less grant funding compared to those with weaker bases.

39. A notional level of Band D council tax (£2,060 in 2026/27 with 84.4% assumed to be the county share of this and 4.6% for Fire & Rescue) is multiplied by the tax base to determine the amount of grant funding needed to meet the gap between the needs allocation and notional council tax.

40. The Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA) is the relative needs share less this resources adjustment. This is illustrated in the chart below published by the government as part of the provisional settlement.



Grants Rolled into Revenue Support Grant (RSG)

41. As part of the Fair Funding Review 2.0, the government has sought to simplify the funding system and move as many grants as possible into Revenue Support Grant, known as being 'rolled in'.
42. £65.8m grants already included in Core Spending Power that will be consolidated, or 'rolled' into RSG from 2026/27 are:
 - Social Care Grant (£48.6m)
 - Market Sustainability & Improvement Fund (£10.0m)
 - Children and Families Grant (£1.6m)
 - Employer National Insurance Contributions (£4.4m)
 - New Homes Bonus (£1.1m)
43. Grants added to RSG within Core Spending Power (£0.9m in 2025/26) are:
 - Local Reform and Community Voices: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Funding (£0.3m)
 - Local Government Finance Data Review (£0.1m)
 - Virtual School Heads for children with a social worker and children in kinship care (£0.2m)
 - War Pensions Disregard Grant (£0.2m)
 - Social Care in Prisons Grant (£0.1m)
44. All Adult Social Care grants in the 2025/26 Settlement have been consolidated within the Fair Funding Assessment for 2026/27 onwards.

45. The 2026/27 Local Authority Better Care Grant allocations remain the same as in 2025/26 (£13.2m). From 2027/28 onwards this funding will be rolled into RSG and it will no longer be a separate grant. Despite that there is only a small increase (£1.6m) in RSG that year causing a net funding reduction of £11.6m.

Children, Families and Youth Grant including Families First Partnership

46. The Children, Families and Youth grant is designed to strengthen local authority support for children and families across England, reducing inequalities and breaking down barriers to opportunity. It underpins key national reforms to children's social care through the Families First Partnership programme, will help support children and young people from low-income families receive enriching activities and nutritious meals through the school holidays, support access to childcare during term time and the holidays, and improve outcomes for post-16 looked-after children and care leavers. It will bring together the following funding streams into a single consolidated grant.

47. The ringfenced Families First Partnership element is specifically identified in Core Spending Power. The remaining element has been rolled into the Revenue Support Grant.

Table 3: Children, Families and Youth Grant

	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
Families First Partnership				
Children's Social Care Prevention Grant	1.530			
Children and Families – Family Help	1.732			
Total Families First Partnership	3.262	6.407	6.407	5.472
Children and Families Grant				
Post – 16 Pupil Premium Plus Programme	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148
Holiday Activities and Food Programme	1.558	1.649	1.563	1.563
Subtotal	1.706	1.797	1.711	1.711
Total Children, Families and Youth Grant	4.968	8.204	8.118	7.183

48. Local authorities will be expected to use this funding to deliver the following programmes in line with relevant guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE):

- Families First Partnership Programme
- Holidays, Activities and Food programme

- Pupil Premium Plus Post-16 - promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children

49. The government is proposing to distribute funding for the Families First Partnership programme via the final version of the Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) relative needs formula and an area cost adjustment to account for variation in the cost of delivering services.

50. The Holiday, Activities and Food funding will maintain its existing distribution based on the proportion of England's Free School Meal (FSM)-eligible pupils attending schools in their area for the duration of the multi-year Settlement. The distribution of local authority capacity funding is based on the proportion of England's school-age children attending schools in their area, and the levels of FSM-eligibility.

51. Because of these requirements the £3.1m increase in funding for the Families First Partnership within Core Spending Power in 2026/27 is expected to be used to fund new activity rather than being available to meet existing pressures.

Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant

52. This grant consolidates four funding streams: the Prevention and Relief element of the former Homelessness Prevention Grant, the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme, Rough Sleeping Prevention & Recovery Grant, and Domestic Abuse Accommodation Support.

53. In 2025/26 the council received £1.5m for Domestic Abuse Accommodation Support. This will continue unchanged in 2026/27 and the following two years and is within Core Spending Power.

Council Tax Requirement

54. The Council Tax Requirement is the total amount of council tax that a local authority needs to raise to fund its services. It is calculated based on the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in an area (the taxbase) and the Council Tax rate set by the council. Core Spending Power assumes local authorities increase their Band D council tax in line with the maximum allowable level set out by the council tax referendum principles published alongside the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement. It also assumes an annual increase in the taxbase, based on previous growth.

Council Tax Referendum Principles

55. The general (or core) council tax referendum limit will remain at up to 3% throughout the three - year settlement period. In addition, local authorities with adult social care responsibilities can increase council tax by up to a further 2.0% to fund adult social care through the Adult Social Care Precept.

56. For the purposes of the MTFS it is proposed that the maximum council tax increase of 4.99% is assumed for 2026/27 to 2028/29 in line with government assumptions.

Table 4: Council Tax Increases

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Core Council Tax Increase	2.99%	2.99%	2.99%	2.99%
Adult Social Care Precept	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Total Council Tax Increase	4.99%	4.99%	4.99%	4.99%
Band D Council Tax	£1,911.40	£2,006.78	£2,106.92	£2,212.06
Annual Band D Increase	£90.84	£95.38	£100.14	£105.14
Weekly Band D Increase	£1.75	£1.83	£1.92	£2.02

57. The Band D council tax increase for 2029/30 and 2030/31 is assumed at 3.99% (comprising a 2.0% Adult Social Care Precept and 1.99% general increase) on the basis that there is no government guidance on referendum limits beyond 2028/29. An additional 1% on the general precept was previously only allowed when inflation was high.

58. Council Tax Base
The council tax base is the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in a local authority area adjusted for the assumed rate of collection of council tax. Billing authorities (district councils) are required to provide this information to the precepting authorities and the method used to calculate the tax base is prescribed in regulations. The tax base for 2025/26 was 279,025 and growth of 1.75% per year is assumed in the MTFS reflecting anticipated increases in the number of households in Oxfordshire paying council tax. Each +/-0.25% variation generates around £1.4m more or less council tax. Generally, the increase in recent years has been close to this assumption.

59. Updates from the district councils received in December 2025 estimate that the tax base will grow by 1.33% in 2026/27. The growth in South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council is impacted by a delay in the Valuation Office Agency issuing council tax bands for new homes with over 2,000 now awaiting confirmation of their council tax band.

60. This reduction in the assumed tax base growth will reduce council tax income in 2026/27 by an estimated £2.4m. However, since households will receive backdated council tax bills (or can choose to pay an estimated amount ahead of receiving this) this income will be received in future years with a larger increase in the taxbase anticipated at that point. To smooth out the impact on the budget the Collection Fund reserve will be used to fund the shortfall in 2026/27.

61. Core Spending Power assumes that the council tax base will increase by 1.85% each year of the settlement to 2028/29, which is the average growth for the period 2021/22 to 2025/26. This is higher than the 1.75% assumption in the MTFS and higher than the actual growth for 2026/27 of 1.33%.

62. The final council tax base for 2026/27 will be confirmed in the report to Cabinet on 27 January 2026 following approval of the tax base by all of the district councils.

Recovery Grant and Funding Floors

63. The Recovery Grant was introduced in 2025/26 to provide un-ringfenced funding to areas with greater need and demand for services and less ability to raise income locally. While this was expected to be removed from 2026/27 onwards, the Provisional Settlement sets out that the grant and allocations will continue unchanged.
64. A number of different funding floors, introduced following the consultation, will be used to protect councils with the largest reductions in funding so that they do not drop below this level. The cost of these floors will be met from the overall national funding so this reduces the remaining funding to be allocated to all councils.
65. The council will not receive any additional funding relating to either the Recovery Grant or protection through funding floors.

Other funding updates outside Core Spending Power

66. In addition to the principle of rolling as many grants into Revenue Support as possible, as part of the Fair funding Review 2.0, the government also set out the principles for considering which specific grants could be consolidated into bigger grants. For these, the principles were that the grants must be ongoing and stable. These sit outside of Core Spending Power as they are not provided to every local authority.

Crisis & Resilience Fund Grant

67. The Crisis & Resilience Fund (CRF) consolidates two funding streams, the Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments, and needs to be used to provide financial support to help residents with issues related to the cost of living.
68. The council will receive £4.8m in 2026/27 and 2027/28 and £5.8m in 2028/29, compared to £5.9m in 2025/26. This funding is not within Core Spending Power.
69. Draft guidance has been issued for the CRF which places a greater emphasis on building resilience in individuals and households requiring support. Crisis payments can still be provided, as long as these are based on identified need and are connected to the provision of support to increase financial resilience. The proposed spending programme will be considered by Cabinet in April 2026.

Public Health Grant

70. Four funding streams will be consolidated into the ringfenced Public Health Grant. The distribution will continue unchanged, with an equal annual percentage uplift.

Table 5: Public Health Grant

	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m
Public Health Grant	37.098	41.981	43.021	44.150
Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant	3.074			
Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant	0.778			
Individual Placement and Support Grant	0.239			
Swap to Stop Programme	0			
Total	41.189	41.981	43.021	44.150
Increase from previous year		1.92%	2.48%	2.62%

71. The consolidated Public Health Grant will be subject to the same grant conditions as in 2025/26, including a ringfence requiring local authorities to use the grant exclusively for public health activity, plus a small number of additional conditions. The combined increase of £0.792m in 2026/27 will need to be used to fund additional expenditure as required in the grant conditions.

Council Tax Surpluses/Deficits

72. In addition to the tax base, the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires billing authorities to determine the estimated surplus or deficit on the council tax collection fund as a result of income from council tax/ratepayers being more or less than originally estimated. Estimates for the forthcoming year are formed from the position for three years; the actual position for the prior financial year, the estimate for the current financial year and an estimate for the forthcoming financial year. Surpluses/deficits are shared between billing and major precepting authorities. The MTFs assumes that the county council's share of surpluses on the council tax collection fund will be £8.0m in 2026/27. While this assumption appears to be reasonable based on information shared at this stage, confirmation of the position for 2026/27 is not expected until late January 2026.

Other updates

Inflation and the National Living Wage

73. An increase of 4.1% to £12.71 for workers aged 21 and over (from £12.21) from 1 April 2026, and to £10.85 per hour for 18-20 year olds (from £10.00) was announced as part of the Government's Budget Statement on 26 November 2025.

- 74. The Autumn Budget assumes Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation of 3.5% and Retail Prices Index (RPI) inflation of 4.6% in 2025/26. In 2026/27 CPI and RPI are forecast to be 2.2% and 3.4% respectively. CPI is forecast to fall to 2%, whilst RPI is forecast to fall to 3.0% in 2027/28.
- 75. The increase in the National Living Wage means that pressure relating to pay inflation (based on national agreements) for the council's employees is now likely to be at least 0.5% higher than the 2.5% increase assumed for 2026/27 in the February MTFS. Each additional 1% is estimated to cost around £2.3m.
- 76. An increase to 3.2% in 2026/27, mirroring the increase in 2025/26, can be managed through existing funding for pay inflation. There is also sufficient funding to meet an increase of 3.0% from 2027/28 onwards. £2.5m remaining on-going funding for pay inflation held centrally but not required fund estimated pay inflation in 2026/27 is proposed to be released to meet other service pressures. £0.8m funding set aside for additional employer's National Insurance costs in 2025/26 can also be released as a saving.
- 77. Funding for a 3.0% increase in pay costs is built into the budget each year from 2027/28 onwards.

Packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities (pEPR)

- 78. Oxfordshire County Council will receive a packaging extended producer responsibility (pEPR) payment total of £5.3m during 2025/26. This funding is to cover the costs that the Council currently incurs in handling (e.g. treatment and disposal) of packaging waste. This is the first year of pEPR payments and it is expected that payments will be made every year from now on. The payment will be £5.4m in 2026/27 with further amounts expected from 2027/28.
- 79. The council must demonstrate that this money is spent on waste management services that deal with packaging waste. In 2025/26 the funding was treated as one – off, on the basis that there was no certainty that it would continue; a new reserve was created to hold the funding which is being used to support one – off projects supporting the treatment and disposal of packaging waste. The funding that will be received in 2026/27 will be used to meet the cost of recycling credits for the district councils that collect packaging materials for recycling and for the cost of treatment at the council's energy recovery facility at Ardley. The equivalent base budget funding will be released as a saving without any impact on service delivery.

Adult Social Care

- 80. The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) will set out "adult social care notional allocations for each local authority for 2026/27 to 2028/29, which are intended as a reference point to support local budget-setting and inform local decisions on adult social care spending" despite the un-ringfencing of most of the grants.
- 81. The 10 Year Health Plan for England announced reform to the Better Care Fund to focus on integrated services. DHSC and MHCLG will shortly set out further detail on the approach to reform. Where this involves any change to the NHS and local authority minimum contributions to pooled funding these

will not be introduced before 2027/28. The council's share of the Better Care Fund within the Pooled Budgets is £33m in 2026/27 so any change to the level of funding or the required use within that total in future years could have a significant impact on the council.

Local Government Reform

82. The government will set a 'funding envelope' for the new local authorities created where areas reorganise. This envelope will be set by combining the grant allocations of the relevant local authorities in the year(s) of the multi-year settlement following reorganisation.
83. Areas will need to agree how to divide the funding where the establishment of new unitary authorities means existing local authorities, including Fire & Rescue Authorities, are split. The government will provide guidance to local authorities on how to arrive at local agreements and will set out a timeline for when these agreements must be reached.
84. If areas are unable to reach an agreement, the MHCLG Secretary of State will make a determination on the share of settlement allocations due to new unitary councils. The government is clear that the use of a backstop is a last resort and areas should make every effort to come to local agreements.
85. Beyond the current multi-year settlement each new council or authority would receive funding based on the Fair Funding Allocation and wider Core Spending Power.

Proposed Changes to Service Budgets

86. The budget supports a range of service provision which contributes to the Strategic Plan. Because most of these services continue from one year to the next the first step in building the budget for 2026/27 is to roll forward 2025/26 budgets. This starting point has then been adjusted for previously proposed changes for 2026/27 built into the MTFS agreed in February 2025 and new changes being added in this budget process.
87. 2028/29, 2029/30 and 2030/31 are additional years that need to be added to the MTFS. The budget changes in those years include total estimated demographic growth for Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care and Waste Management, and inflation including estimated pay inflation at 3.0%. Budgets for 2027/28 are indicative and will need to be updated in future budget processes.

Adult Services

88. Demography has been recalculated based on recent activity trends in relevant cohorts; this is predicted to increase costs by a total of £5.4m from 2026/27. Inflationary increases in the cost of care packages are expected to be £5.6m. There is a £0.9m pressure (2027ASC03 and 2027ASC04) relating to increased costs of emergency telecare provision and community equipment following a provider failure in 2025/26 and a £0.5m increase as a result of contract renewal for services for adults with learning disabilities (2027ASC05).

89. High-cost complex placements have continued to increase during 2025/26. The ongoing impact of these placements will create a pressure estimated at £3.6m if they continue into 2026/27 and beyond (2027ASC06).
90. These pressures are partially offset by savings totalling £1.9m arising from contract reviews and updates, the use of assistive technology, efficiencies within existing supported living contracts, savings arising from additional in-house residential accommodation for adults with complex needs and the continuing use of Public Health grant to help fund Community Capacity Grants.

Children's Services

91. The Business Management and Monitoring Report to Cabinet in October 2025 explained that there is underlying pressure of £5.2m in 2025/26 relating to pressures in children's social care that is being managed with one – off funding. This has increased since then and the on-going effect in 2026/27 is now estimated to be £8.7m (2027CS01) plus a further £2.8m full year effect (2027CS11). Additionally, there is an increase of high-cost complex placements causing pressures in the current year is leading to the under-delivery of savings £1.2m in 2025/26 (2027CS05), which is also part of the demography pressure in 2026/27.
92. An assumed reduction in the number of children we care for which was expected to reduce costs by £4.2m from 2026/27 (2025CS787). While work is continuing to achieve this the current level of activity means this is not expected to be possible. On that basis the risk adjustment of £5.0m that was also built into the budget (2026CS11) to manage the risk around previously proposed Financial Strategy savings of £5.0m built into the MTFS agreed in February 2025 will be used to offset the expected £4.2m reduction in demography.
93. £3.2m additional funding is forecast to be required in 2026/27 for home to school transport based on demographic growth and an estimated increase in the number of EHCPs. There is also £1.8m for demographic growth for Children We Care For (2027CS02 and 2027CS10) and a further risk adjustment of £2.1m.
94. In Education, there is also additional funding of £1.0m for Educational Psychology (2026CS33) and a £0.8m proposed increase to funding for the SEND Casework Team (2027CS30), both required due to the sustained pressures in these services linked to the number of Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment and subsequently, Education, Health and Care Plans.
95. There are several investments that total £0.7m, of which £0.4m relates to investments in recruitment and retention (2025CS790/1/3). £0.5m one – off funding for investments in 2025/26 will fall out in 2026/27 (2026L&CO2/3 and 6).
96. The pressures outlined for children's social care are partially offset by planned savings to manage demand safely, exit children from care in a planned timely

way, bring children back into county and planned reduction of private placements, totalling £4.4m (2025CS23, 24, 26 and 2025L&CO24).

97. There are also £1.2m previously proposed savings relating to reducing agency staffing (2025CS721) and new ways of working within home to school transport £0.9m (2026RELGEST10).
98. As explained in paragraph 47 the Children, Families and Youth Grant will increase by £3.1m in 2026/27. The expenditure budget and grant funding will be added to the budget for Children's Services for use to support the Families First Partnership Programme.

Environment & Highways

99. There are additional costs of £0.5m arising from the cost of maintaining growth in highways assets (2026EH11, 19 and 20) plus £0.2m to extend drainage work beyond gullies (2027E&H7). These will be met from the use of commuted sums. Other pressures, including £0.3m to maintain an increased number of RTPI assets (£2027E&H5) will be met from drawdowns from reserves or grant funding. Following approval of the Lane Rental Scheme by the Department for Transport there is a £1.1m increase in the budgeted income from 2026/27(2026EH23).
100. Existing asset routine & cyclical highways maintenance is estimated to cost an additional £0.350m on-going from 2026/27 (2027E&H8).
101. Additional demographic demand in Waste Management is expected to cost £0.650m. Since the council must demonstrate that packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR) funding is spent on waste management services that deal with packaging waste the notified funding of £5.4m for 2026/27 will be used to support £0.6m pressures within Waste Management. The remainder will be used to fund the cost of disposing of packaging waste so the equivalent base budget (£4.8m shown as 2027E&H20) will be released to support the wider budget.
102. Costs relating to a purchasing strategy for carbon emissions relating to waste incineration in the run up to the beginning of the Carbon Emissions Trading scheme in January 2028 are estimated at £0.360m in 2026/27 and then increase by a further £1.0m in 2027/28. A potential new burdens grant will potentially be available to meet some of this cost and an estimated amount is built into the proposals from 2027/28.
103. Demand for joint park and ride ticketing deal has exceeded expectations. To provide this on an ongoing basis additional funding of £0.4m will be required from 2026/27 and is proposed to be met from the Parking Account (2027E&H4). Long stay parking charges at Thornhill Park and Ride for people using the coach to travel to Heathrow and Gatwick (2026L&CO22) are proposed to be introduced from April 2026. 2026L&CO22 included a nominal amount of income for this but will be updated as part of the monitoring reports in 2026/27.
104. The cost of managing ash tree die back in Oxfordshire is expected to be £0.5m in 2026/27 increasing to £2.0m in 2027/28 (2027E&H17 and

2027E&H18). £0.150m of this can be funded by commuted sums (2027E&H17). Further work is required to understand the future timeline and a realistic plan to manage the removal and planting of new trees in later years of the MTFS. The cost is currently shown as a revenue pressure on the basis that the majority of the cost is the removal of diseased trees but this will need to be reviewed in future budgets as it may be possible to capitalise the cost of planting new trees.

Economy and Place

105. Income from Highways Agreements is expected to be £0.7m lower in 2026/27 because of changes to the structure of fees being charged. This will be managed through funding held in reserves in 2026/27 but there is a risk that there may be an on-going shortfall from 2027/28 onwards (2027E&P2).
106. The £0.350m cost of delivering the Rail Strategy is proposed to be met from Enterprise Zone retained business rates funding in line with the conditional approval agreed by Cabinet in November 2025 (2027E&P3).
107. The £0.500m one - off cost of renewing modelling to baseline a new spatial development strategy for Oxfordshire and/or the Thames Valley and £0.350m for staffing resource to support that will be funded from £10m held in reserves to support costs associated with local government reorganisation and devolution in Oxfordshire (2027E&P5 and 6).
108. One – off funding for one – off investments including £1.0m to leverage investment in rail (2026EP12) and £2.0m for pro-active flooding measures (2026EPWe10) agreed by Council in February 2025 will fall out in 2026/27. Since these were expected to be used over a longer period funding not spent at the end of 2025/26 will be held in the Budget Priority reserve for use in 2026/27.

Public Health & Communities

109. Public Health activity will continue to be managed within ring-fenced grant funding. This will increase by £0.792m in 2026/27.
110. Following confirmation of funding for 2026/27 onwards, Public Health grant can continue to be used to support community capacity grants (£0.250m 2027PHC2)) in Adult Services and Family Solutions Plus (£0.250m) in Children's Services (2027PHC3) meaning the equivalent council budget can be released.
111. £0.2m council funding for domestic abuse can also be released following confirmation of the grant funding as part of the Provisional Settlement (2027PHC4).

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue & Community Safety

112. Grant funding for the Fire Protection Team is expected to be lower than the total required to fund the nine posts in the team so there is a pressure of £0.1m making up the shortfall (2027CSS101). There are also pressures totalling £0.3m related to firefighter ill health and injury costs, PPE and uniform costs and unachievable savings dating back to 2023/24

(2027CSS103,104 and 105). Previously proposed changes include £0.2m contract inflation, a £0.1m increase to the annual contribution to the vehicle replacement reserve (2025CSafety670) and £0.2m additional funding relating to the national roll out of the Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (Operational Radios) (2026FRCS2).

Resources and Law & Governance

113. A £0.5m pressure in Law and Governance relates to the on-going cost of Legal locum cover needed to manage vacancies and increased demand (2027L&G102).
114. There is also £0.4m pressure in the Coroner Service comprising a £0.3m increase in the on-going cost of the mortuary provision at the John Radcliffe Hospital (2027L&G100) and a £0.1m increase to align with the judicial pay scale (2027L&G103).
115. In December 2025 Council agreed to increase member allowances by 8.3%. The additional cost is £0.1m (2027L&G104).
116. In Property and Assets, the £0.3m on-going cost of a Housing Team will be met from the Transformation Reserve in 2026/27 only (2027RES103). There are £0.250m new savings relating to energy costs (2027RES106) and a further £0.250m from efficiencies in Facilities Management (2027RES107).
117. A £0.8m investment in Financial & Commercial Services (2027RES102) will need to deliver at least an equal saving across the council as a result of better management and identification of commercial and third-party opportunities.
118. £4.8m budgeted expenditure and grant funding for the Household Support Fund element of the Crisis & Resilience Fund notified as part of the Provisional Settlement will be added to the budget. The use will be considered by Cabinet in April 2026.

Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Employer Contributions

119. LGPS regulations require an actuarial valuation to be carried out every three years, under which contribution rates for all employers are set for the following three years. The Funding Strategy Statement sets out the assumptions and methodology underpinning actuarial valuation exercise. Making employer contribution rates reasonably stable is an important funding objective and contributions are set with this in mind. As a result of the 2025 valuation, the employer contribution has changed. The required contribution rate will reduce from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and will reduce by a further 1.0% per year to 16.9% by 2028/29. Consequently, there is a reduction in costs of £1.7m in 2026/27, with further reductions in 2027/28 and 2028/29. These savings (2027PHPEN) are shown in the relevant service to align with budgets for employer pension costs.

Proposed Changes to Budgets Held Centrally

Interest on Cash Balances

- 120. Interest on cash balances is forecast to be £7.5m higher than budgeted in 2025/26 because of a mix of balances being higher than anticipated and interest achieved on loans to other local authorities being higher than the general interest rate. However, the level of cash held is being increasingly impacted by the unfunded overspend on High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant and the level of future interest earned will be materially impacted by depending on the solution put in place for the management of these deficits.
- 121. Interest on cash balances is expected to be £1.5m higher in 2026/27 than previously assumed as a result of higher cash balances and the continuing impact of higher interest rates in the local authority lending market. After taking account of this increase the budget for interest in 2026/27 is £10.2m compared to £12.9m in 2025/26. This could potentially be increased by a further £1.5m based on a higher assumed level of cash balances and returns. However, there is a risk this may not materialise and the additional interest would fall out in 2027/28 because of a reduction in the level of cash balances by then.

Contingency Budget

- 122. To help manage the impact of financial risk in the proposed budget and MTFS, an on-going corporate contingency budget is held to cover risks including demographic and inflationary pressures being higher than forecast.
- 123. The current contingency budget is £7.3m. Rolling that forward to 2026/27 would be sufficient to meet a 1% overspend on Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care budgets plus £2.0m for other risks.
- 124. £4.9m on-going funding that has been used to fund one – off investments in 2025/26 and was then added to contingency from 2026/27 in the February MTFS can be released as planned to help manage reductions in funding in 2026/27.

Dedicated Schools Grant Funding and High Needs (SEND)

- 125. In line with the CIPFA Code of Practice, and the statutory over-ride which is in place until 31 March 2028, deficits on High Needs on Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) have been held in an unusable reserve since 2020/21. The forecast deficit of £68.3m in 2025/26 will increase the total accumulated negative balance for High Needs held in this reserve to £153.1m at 31 March 2026. Updates since the last report to Cabinet in November 2025 mean the accumulated deficit is likely to be over £160m by 31 March 2026.
- 126. Currently the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 which formalise the accounting treatment of the High Needs deficit into an unusable reserve, explicitly state that 'Local authorities must not charge DSG deficits to a revenue account'
- 127. The Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement consultation document includes the following:

“...once the Statutory Override ends at the end of 2027-28, funding will be managed within the overall central government DEL envelope... local authorities will of course be expected to manage the system effectively and where this is the case we would not expect local authorities to need to fund future special educational needs costs from general funds”.

128. Regarding the cumulative deficits which exist now and will likely be larger by 2028, the consultation states:

“Whilst we do not expect local authorities to plan on the basis of having to meet deficits in full, any future support will not be unlimited. Councils must continue to work to keep deficits as low as possible”.

“To support local authorities to do this, we are disseminating best practice and case studies from previous programmes focussed on efficient spending, such as Safety Valve and Delivering Better Value, and providing all local authorities with advisers to help consider how these learnings can be applied.... We will provide further detail on our plans to support local authorities with historic and accruing deficits and conditions for accessing such support later in the Settlement process.”

129. The National Funding Formula (NFF) for Schools 2026-27 document includes the following (paragraph 39)

“It is clear that the extent of the divergence between high needs NFF allocations and spending in different local authorities raises questions about aspects of this allocation methodology. The Department will therefore review the high needs funding system for future years, to ensure that it will properly support the reformed SEND system.”

130. These statements set an expectation that local authorities will be required to meet some of the historic deficit. Reflecting this change, and the expectation that the council will need to manage at least some of the deficit, it is proposed to increase the contribution to the Demographic Risk Reserve from £4m in 2025/26 to £8m per annum from 2026/27 onwards. Alternatively, this contribution could, if this was allowed, be used to support borrowing of up to around £120m or around two thirds of the forecast deficit as at 31 March 2026. Further information on the future arrangements for the management of High Needs DSG deficits is expected in the Final Settlement in February 2026.

131. Funding for the early years block increases by 16.05% which is above average increase due to 2025/26 having part year funding for entitlements brought in from September 2025. The schools' blocks will increase by 4.39% compared to 2025/26, but there are Schools Budget Share grant and National Insurance Contribution grants also rolled into the DSG baseline for 2026/27 so when comparing to the annualised grant for 2025/26 the funding has increased by only 1.40%.

Proposed Budgets for 2026/27

132. Table 6 shows the impact of the proposed changes for each service and for budgets held centrally in 2026/27. There is currently a deficit of £5.4m in 2026/27 that will need to be closed by the time Cabinet proposes its budget on 27 January 2026.

Table 6: Proposed changes to budgets 2025/26 to 2026/27

Service Areas	Budget Rolled Forward from 2025/26	Fair Funding Review 2.0 Grant Changes	Fair Funding Review 2.0 Consolidated Grant Changes	Add Previously Proposed changes in current MTFS	Add New budget changes	Change in Budget	2026/27 Budget
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Adult Services	259.3	23.2		15.1	-1.4	13.7	296.2
Children's Services	214.9	1.6	-3.1	3.4	18.2	21.6	235.0
Environment & Highways	55.1			1.3	-5.1	-3.8	51.3
Economy & Place	21.0			-3.5	0.5	-3.0	18.0
Public Health & Communities	13.3	-4.6	-0.9	0.8	0.7	1.5	9.3
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Community Safety	31.7			0.5	0.4	0.9	32.6
Resources and Law & Governance	57.5		-4.8	-0.8	4.9	4.1	56.8
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	7.4			0.2	-0.1	0.1	7.5
Cross Cutting Proposals – To be Allocated to services once achieved	0.0			-4.2		-4.2	-4.2
Pay Inflation	6.5			6.9	-3.3	3.6	10.1
Service Total	666.7	20.2	-8.8	19.7	14.8	34.5	712.6
Budgets Held Centrally							
Capital Financing Costs	30.6			2.2		2.2	32.8
Interest on balances	-12.9			4.2	-1.5	2.7	-10.2
Contingency	7.3			4.9	-4.9	0.0	7.3
Un-ringfenced Specific Grants	-59.7	57.2		2.6		2.6	0.0
Insurance	1.8					0.0	1.8
Budgeted contribution to General Balances	2.7			-2.7		-2.7	0.0
Budgeted contribution to Prudential Borrowing Costs	8.3					0.0	8.3
Remove contribution from Transformation Reserve	-1.6			1.6		1.6	0.0
Remove contribution from COVID-19 Reserve	-2.3			2.3		2.3	0.0
Budgeted contribution to Demographic Risk Reserve	4				4.0	4.0	8.0

Service Areas	Budget Rolled Forward from 2025/26	Fair Funding Review 2.0 Grant Changes	Fair Funding Review 2.0 Consolidated Grant Changes	Add Previously Proposed changes in current MTFS	Add New budget changes	Change in Budget	2026/27 Budget
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Remove one – off contribution to the Capital Reserve	1.4			-1.4		-1.4	0.0
Add one – off contribution from the Collection Fund	0				-2.6	-2.6	-2.6
Total Budgets Held Centrally	-20.4	57.2	0.0	13.7	-5.0	8.7	45.4
Net Operating Budget	646.3	77.4	-8.9	33.6	9.8	43.4	758.0
Funding	646.3						752.6
Deficit	0.0						5.4

133. Potential options to manage the deficit in 2026/27 are:

On-going:

- Reduce the proposed £4m increase to the annual contribution to the Demographic Risk Reserve which is held to manage risk relating to the High Needs DSG Deficit. The lowest recommended increase is £2m (to £6m in total including the existing budgeted contribution of £4m).
- On-going service budget reductions of up to £1.5m from 2026/27 that would then help to start to manage the deficit in 2027/28.
- Release up to £1.4m held for pay inflation contingency (funding for a 3.2% increase in 2026/27 + £0.5m contingency would still be included in the proposed budget)
- Reduce contingency budget by up to £2.0m (reduce from £7.3m, lowest recommended level is £6.3m).

One – off:

- Increase estimated interest on balances by £1.5m to a more optimistic position based on a higher assumed level of cash balances and returns in 2026/27. There is a risk that this may not be realised depending on the actual level of cash balances in 2026/27.
- Use one –off funding from reserves or balances.

Any options that are one – off only delay the need to identify savings from 2027/28 and reduce future financial resilience. That is important because of the increase in the deficit in 2027/28 onwards and the requirement to set a balanced budget in 2027/28.

Medium Term Financial Strategy

134. The combined effect of proposed budget changes and the impact of funding reform over the medium term is summarised in Table 7. Based on a deficit of £5.4m in 2026/27 this increases to £19.4m in 2027/28 and then £25.9m in 2028/29. The funding for the three years from 2026/27 to 2028/29 is not expected to change materially as the Fair Funding Allocation is as per the settlement and council tax is already assumed to increase by 4.99% in each year.

135. Plans to manage the on-going deficit from 2027/28 onwards will need to be developed from early 2026 onwards.

Table 7: Medium Term Financial Strategy

	2026/27 Proposed Budget £m	2027/28 Indicative Budget £m	2028/29 Indicative Budget £m	2029/30 Indicative Budget £m	2030/31 Indicative Budget £m
Funding:					
Council Tax	567.4	608.6	650.2	687.9	727.9
Council Tax Collection Fund	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Business Rates Collection Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Valuation Agency Office (VOA) Backlog					
Reduction in taxbase growth in 2026/27 (for VOA backlog of 2,000 houses)	-2.4	-2.5	-2.7	-2.9	-2.9
Assume taxbase growth catches up in 2027/28		2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9
Subtotal Impact of VOA Backlog	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fair Funding Allocation:					
Revenue Support Grant	94.5	96.1	85.5	85.5	85.5
Baseline Funding Level	69.5	71.1	72.5	72.5	72.5
Local Authority Better Care Grant	13.2				
Total Funding	752.6	783.8	816.2	853.9	893.9

	2026/27 Proposed Budget £m	2027/28 Indicative Budget £m	2028/29 Indicative Budget £m	2029/30 Indicative Budget £m	2030/31 Indicative Budget £m
Net operating budget prior year	646.3	758.0	803.2	842.1	886.9
Existing planned changes	19.7	35.8			
Adjust Pressures in February 2025 MTFS	11.0	5.6			
Pressures (add new years to plan)			33.3	36.1	38.8
Reduction in Pay Inflation	-2.5				
Employers NI	-0.8				
Pay Inflation (add new years to plan @ 3% per annum)			6.9	6.9	6.9
Reduction in Employer's Superannuation Contributions	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7		
Total Service Budget Changes	25.7³	39.7	38.5	43.0	45.7

³ This is the sum of previously proposed and new service changes plus new ringfenced consolidated grant funding.

	2026/27 Proposed Budget £m	2027/28 Indicative Budget £m	2028/29 Indicative Budget £m	2029/30 Indicative Budget £m	2030/31 Indicative Budget £m
Budgets Held Centrally					
Existing planned changes	13.9	1.5			
New Changes (additional £1.5m interest on cash balances, release £4.9m funding used to fund one - off investments in 2025/26 and £0.8m funding for employers' NI)	-6.4	1.5			
Additional contribution to demographic risk reserve (or for borrowing for High Needs)	4.0				
Use Collection Fund Reserve to manage impact of taxbase backlog	-2.4	2.4			
Capital Financing		0.1	0.4		
				1.8	2.5
Grants moved from ringfenced grant budgets into the Fair Funding Allocation	66.7				
Adjust grants rolled in for existing planned changes to grants	-2.6				
Remove Local Authority Better Care Fund Grant from Adult Services (moved to Strategic Measures)	13.2				
Net Operating Budget	758.0	803.2	842.1	886.9	935.1
Total Funding	-752.6	-783.8	-816.2	-853.9	-893.9
Budget Deficit	5.4	19.4	25.9	33.0	41.2
Council Tax increase	4.99%	4.99%	4.99%	3.99%	3.99%

Capital & Investment Strategy

136. Capital expenditure obtains or improves buildings, vehicles, equipment or other assets owned by the council. The capital programme shows how the Council will use capital expenditure to support the delivery of its priorities. It is split into a firm programme of schemes which have been agreed to progress and a pipeline of future schemes. The firm programme aligns to the funding available and the agreed level of prudential borrowing.
137. The programme is updated quarterly and fully refreshed as part of the Budget and Business Planning Process. This includes a review of all schemes in the pipeline and firm programme, to ensure that it remains aligned to the latest priorities, reflects the latest cost projections and timescale for delivery, and incorporates the current funding position.
138. The capital pipeline agreed in February 2025 provides funding for schemes which were agreed to support the council's priorities, have an agreed need, a confirmed alignment with the prioritisation framework and a basic mandate. These schemes are subject to further development ahead of being added to the firm capital programme. There is a further pre-pipeline of schemes that are pending funding becoming available and are at an early stage of development. Updates to the pipeline and pre-pipeline will be considered as part of the business and budget planning process for 2026/27.

139. The total value of capital proposals requiring funding from the Council's corporate resources is £24.1m. This figure includes £16.1m to be returned to the Capital Programme, reflecting savings from completed projects, as well as funding released from schemes that have been reduced in scope or discontinued.
140. If all proposed investments are approved, then all available funding will be allocated to the capital projects outlined in this report. Given the Council's challenging financial position, no additional Prudential Borrowing is proposed.
141. Capital schemes put forward as part of the 2026/27 budget have been prioritised as follows:
 - Schemes that facilitate compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health & safety, schools, and delivery of business-critical services.
 - Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost avoidance strategies.
 - Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings.
 - Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve Oxfordshire's towns
 - Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions.
 - Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions but require additional funding to progress.
142. The full list of proposed schemes which align with the above prioritisation categories, are set out in Annex 2a.
143. A proposed investment of £5.2m, funded through Section 106 developer contributions, the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funding for 2025/26, and previously agreed corporate resources - will deliver a new, purpose-built Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Bicester, replacing the current Ardley Fields facility. Designed to meet the needs of the growing town and surrounding communities, the new centre will provide improved access, greater capacity, and modern facilities to make recycling and waste disposal easier and more efficient. This development will support responsible waste management, promote environmental sustainability, and offer a cleaner, safer, and more convenient service for all users.
144. An investment of £2.6m, in addition to other secured and anticipated funding, is proposed to relocate Woodeaton Manor Special School into a modern, purpose-built facility. The new site will provide enhanced learning environments and improved accessibility, ensuring pupils receive the best possible support for their educational and wellbeing needs.
145. To maintain business-critical IT services and drive digital transformation, an investment of £3.1m is proposed. This funding, to be allocated over a 2-year period, will enable the adoption of innovative, scalable, and secure

technologies, improve operational efficiency and deliver greater value for residents and stakeholders.

146. To build on resident feedback, calling for better and safer roads, a contribution of £5.6m is proposed to deliver improvements to the highway network. This includes a £4.0m investment, over a two-year period, for essential drainage infrastructure repairs to ensure gully cleansing is as effective as possible and that roads are kept clear of flooding. In addition, a two-year investment of £1.6m is proposed to deliver targeted improvements informed by the 2024/25 Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) studies which aims to enhance road safety, ease congestion, and support sustainable freight movement across Oxfordshire. This allocation is in addition to government funding and in addition to £42.6m of corporate resources funding committed through February 2025 Council.
147. A significant investment of £7.5m is proposed to encourage and facilitate active travel and improve Oxfordshire's towns. Schemes that will benefit from this investment include £0.35m to continue the work to ensure that Oxfordshire's footpath bridges are maintained, refurbished or where necessary, replaced. An additional £0.5m is proposed to be allocated to Abbey Meadows Bridge, to complete the much-needed replacement of this community asset.
148. To further strengthen the Council's investment in Active Travel, an additional £1.7m fund to deliver schemes that have been identified through the Local Cycling, Walking and Infrastructure Plans is proposed. The investment will deliver practical place-based improvements that make walking, wheeling and cycling safer, easier and more attractive to local communities.
149. Building on the £0.5m already allocated through the February 2025 budget-setting process, an additional £1.0m investment is proposed to commence delivery of the Wantage Market Place West End (Phase 1). The funding will be drawn from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions and supplemented by £0.15m from corporate resources.
150. A £1.5m investment is proposed to deliver public realm enhancements across key locations, including the city and market towns to strengthen their appeal as vibrant destinations for communities, visitors and future investment. This is in addition to a £1.5m investment into Oxford City Centre to support the creation of vibrant streets and beautiful spaces for both residents and visitors, supporting Oxford's international reputation for quality and excellence. The proposed funding will fund the design and partial delivery of key improvements across city centre locations; further funding is to be sought to deliver the full vision for the city centre.
151. A further £3.0m is proposed to be allocated to ensure the successful delivery of the Watlington Relief Road - a scheme that will alleviate noise, congestion and air pollution in the town centre whilst enabling more sustainable modes of transport. The additional funding, which is in addition to the £11.1m approved by Council in February 2025, will cover increased costs due to regulatory requirements, design changes for environmental features, additional highway works as well as an increased risk and contingency allowance due to the complexity of the scheme.

152. The Council continues to invest in schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions. An investment of £0.1m over a two-year period, to establish a sustainable tree propagation unit in central Oxfordshire, is proposed. This initiative will supply locally grown trees for public projects, support community-led satellite nurseries across the county, and deliver environmental, social, and educational benefits. As a proactive programme of work to address Ash Die Back is initiated, this investment will support the replenishment of trees with locally grown stock, enhancing long-term sustainability and reducing costs associated with external sourcing.
153. In line with Oxfordshire's property strategy, which seeks to deliver a an efficient, innovative and accessible estate whilst supporting climate commitments and generating social value, a £0.77m investment is proposed targeting a number of community buildings. The proposed funding, which is in addition to other funding sources for library redevelopment projects, will create welcoming spaces for community use, including the installation of meeting pods and confidential areas to hold private conversations with partner organisations. The investment will also deliver a major transformation to Didcot Library, which is in addition to £1.7m S106 Developer Contributions and £0.75m Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.
154. Bicester Community Support Services, which provides adult day centre services and surrounding areas, is to benefit from an extension as well as internal works to improve the facility. This is to be funded by £0.3m of S106 developer contributions with further works planned when funding becomes available. For families visiting social services, at the Forum in Kidlington, a proposed investment of £0.15m will deliver a more welcoming facility as well as providing an agile workspace for Oxfordshire County Council's Children's Services colleagues.
155. Building on the £4.0m investment agreed through February 2025 Council, an additional £2.0m funding is proposed to ensure that infrastructure schemes, which are partly funded by S106 developer contributions, are progressed through to delivery.
156. Table 8 summarises the proposed use of the available funding.

Table 8 Proposed Corporate Funding for Capital Schemes

	Proposed Corporate Funding (£m ⁴)
Schemes that facilitate compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health and safety, schools and delivery of business-critical services	6.303
Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies	NA
Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings	5.600
Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve Oxfordshire's towns	9.150
Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions	1.032
Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions but require additional funding to progress	2.000
Total Schemes Proposed to be Funded	24.085

- 157. Annex 2a sets out high priority capital schemes to which indicative funding is proposed to be allocated.
- 158. In accordance with the council's capital governance arrangements all schemes, including those assessed as high priority, will need an approved business case before they are added to the firm programme.

Fees and Charges

- 159. The council charges for services whenever it is lawful for it to do so. Income from fees and charges, which contributes to the overall funding for the council is estimated at 9% of the council's funding in 2025/26.
- 160. All services are asked to consider, as part of the annual budget and business planning process, the activities which make up the delivery of each service and assess which of them may be made the subject of a charge.
- 161. Charges that are specified nationally or are statutory will be updated in line with national guidance. Charges for adult social care will continue to be assessed as in line with the [Care Act 2014 and the council's charging policy](#). Other charges are proposed to increase to reflect the impact of inflation. Where charges relate to the council priorities, the proposed change has been considered in that context.
- 162. All of the individual charges and proposed changes are listed in detail in Annex 3 with changes mainly reflecting inflationary increases. Updates include the following:

⁴ estimates subject to business cases.

Home to School Transport

- Charge for spare seat scheme proposed to be uplifted by 3% from 1 September 2026.

Park and Ride

- Price of combined tickets proposed to be kept unchanged in 2026/27.
- Water Eaton & Thornhill season ticket proposed to be increased from £300 - £400 per year.
- Thornhill and Water Eaton: introduction of 8 - day airport pass (£15), 15 - day pass (£30).

On-street parking

- Unchanged for Oxford City, proposed increases in Abingdon, Henley, Wallingford and Woodstock.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

- Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) charges increased on average by 3%.
- Non-Oxfordshire HWRC user fees introduced for 2026/27 at £15 per visit.

School Meals

- The cost of each school meal is proposed to remain unchanged at £2.90.

163. The Registration Service has also reviewed and proposed charges which will enable the service to confirm the cost of services, including bookings for ceremonies such as marriages and civil partnerships up to 31 March 2027.

Outstanding Information & Next Steps

164. At the point of publication of this report, the following funding information remains outstanding. This includes:
 - Confirmation of the council tax base for 2026/27 for Oxford City Council expected by mid - January 2026.
 - Confirmation of surpluses or deficits on council tax collection funds, expected to be received from the City and District Councils by January 2026.
 - Notification of Business Rates collection fund deficits/surpluses which may not be received from the City and District Councils until 31 January 2026.
165. Any changes arising from these updates will need to be addressed as part of the proposed budget which will be presented to Cabinet on 27 January 2026.

Business and Budget Planning Process

166. Cabinet will propose their budget on 27 January 2026 taking into account feedback from public engagement and comments from Performance and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report to Cabinet in January will include:
 - Council tax and precept calculations
 - Draft budget for 2026/27
 - Draft MTFS to 2030/31
 - Fees and charges for 2026/27
 - Capital and Investment Strategy incorporating the Treasury Management Strategy for 2026/27
 - Capital proposals and draft ten-year Capital Programme
 - Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy
 - Financial Strategy
167. Council will meet to agree the Revenue Budget 2026/27; Capital Programme 2025/26 - 2035/36; MTFS 2026/27 - 2030/31 on 10 February 2026. Any further changes to the budget proposed by Cabinet at their meeting on 27 January 2026 needed as a result of funding changes notified in late January 2026 or comments from scrutiny will either be incorporated into the final budget considered by Council or updated during 2026/27.

Risk Management

168. The statutory report of the Chief Financial Officer required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2002, which forms part of the suite of papers considered by Council in setting the budget each February, includes a section assessing the key financial risks.
169. In addition to corporate contingency general balances are also held to ensure that a major incident or emergency can be managed without impacting on other services. The level of balances held is monitored through the Business Management & Monitoring Reports throughout the year and subject to an annual risk assessment undertaken as part of the budget setting process.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

170. The Equality Act 2010 imposes a duty on local authorities that, when making decisions of a strategic nature, decision makers must exercise 'due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination... advance equality of opportunity... and foster good relations.'
171. In developing budget proposals, services have considered the potential impact of change with respect to equality, diversity and inclusion, in line with the council's refreshed framework agreed by Cabinet on 19 November 2024, "Including Everyone".
172. The refresh of the framework gives the opportunity to realign the council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) goals with the broader strategic

priorities and reconsider how the framework can be used to drive meaningful change. The council has a track record of going beyond its legal equality duty by considering groups and communities beyond the protected characteristics of the Equality Act. For example, the council considers the impact of its decisions on rural communities, armed forces communities, areas of deprivation and carers. The new Including Everyone framework goes further, recognising the council's commitment to considering future generations in decision-making, as well as refugees and asylum seekers by becoming a Council of Sanctuary. The new framework also includes reference to the socioeconomic duty and consideration of residents experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

173. A draft overarching summary impact assessment for equalities, taking into account the overall impact of the budget proposals, is included at Annex 3a. It should be noted that a number of proposals are very early in the business case development process.
174. Following the public consultation, impact assessments will be reviewed and updated as necessary to take into account consultation responses.

Sustainability Implications

175. The Climate Action Framework sets the council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency which is underpinned by the Council's priority to put action to address the climate emergency at the heart of our work.
176. A draft overarching summary impact assessment for climate of the budget proposals is included at Annex 3b. A number of the proposals are very early in the business case development process and therefore will be subject to fuller Climate Impact Assessment as the proposals are developed.

Financial Implications

177. The Council is required by law to set a balanced budget for 2026/27 before 1 March 2026. Alongside this, there is a requirement under Section 25 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003 for the Chief Finance Officer to prepare a statement on the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of reserves.
178. The impact of both the Fair Funding Reform 2.0 and the deficit on High Needs DSG are both serious risks to the future financial sustainability of the council. In the context of local government reform in Oxfordshire, it is really important that sustained action is taken over the coming months to set and manage expenditure within a balanced budget for 2026/27 and to prioritise actions needed to be able to reduce on-going expenditure and set a balanced and sustainable budget for 2027/28.
179. This report is part of the process to achieve these objectives.

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Staff Implications

180. Staffing implications are being considered as part of the Budget and Business Planning process and any proposals are consistent with the council's People and Culture Strategy.

Legal Implications

181. The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to set a council tax requirement for the authority. This report provides information which, when taken together with the future reports up to January 2026, will lead to the council tax requirement being agreed in February 2026, together with a budget for 2026/27, five-year medium term financial strategy and ten - year capital programme.
182. The Council has a fiduciary duty to Council Tax payers, which means it must consider the prudent use of resources, including control of expenditure, financial prudence in the short and long term, the need to strike a fair balance between the interests of the Council Tax payers and ratepayers and the community's interest in adequate and efficient services and the need to act in good faith in relation to compliance with statutory duties and exercising statutory powers.

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Annexes:

Revenue expenditure

- Annex 1 – previously proposed revenue budget changes agreed in February 2025 and new revenue draft budget proposals.

Capital expenditure

- Annex 2 – High priority capital schemes to which indicative funding is proposed to be allocated.

Fees and Charges

- Annex 3 – Proposed Fees and Charges

Impact Assessments

- Annex 4a – Overarching Equality Impact Assessment
- Annex 4b – Overarching Climate Impact Assessment

Budget Engagement

- Annex 5 – Key findings from 2025 residents' survey

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Service	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m
Adult Services	13.779	16.084	15.967	16.421	16.594
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	15.153	16.393	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	-1.374	-0.309	15.967	16.421	16.594
Children's Services	18.477	8.423	9.483	10.670	11.534
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	3.382	8.418	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	15.095	0.005	9.483	10.670	11.534
<i>New expenditure funded by Children, Families and Youth Grant</i>	3.146		-0.935		
<i>Children, Families and Youth Grant Increase</i>	-3.146		0.935		
Environment & Highways	-3.824	5.383	4.352	-0.704	1.706
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	1.268	3.468	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	-5.092	1.915	4.352	-0.704	1.706
Economy & Place	-2.985	0.306	1.455	0.626	0.378
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	-3.494	-0.189	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	0.509	0.495	1.455	0.626	0.378
Public Health & Communities	0.500	0.128	-0.072	-0.012	-0.012
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	0.760	-0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	-0.260	0.140	-0.072	-0.012	-0.012
<i>Increase to Public Health Grant Funded Expenditure</i>	0.922	1.040	1.129	0.000	0.000
<i>Public Health Grant Increase</i>	-0.922	-1.040	-1.129	0.000	0.000
Fire & Rescue and Community Safety	0.775	0.470	0.025	0.172	0.177
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	0.477	0.162	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	0.298	0.308	0.025	0.172	0.177
Resources and Law & Governance	-0.635	2.104	0.461	0.716	0.865
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	-0.759	0.683	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	0.124	1.421	0.461	0.716	0.865
<i>New Crisis & Resilience Grant Expenditure</i>	4.826		0.979		
<i>Crisis and Resilience Fund Grant Increase</i>	-4.826		-0.979		
Transformation, Digital & Customer Experience	0.098	-0.045	-0.045	0.008	0.008
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	0.151	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	-0.053	-0.053	-0.045	0.008	0.008
Pay Inflation and Redesign Savings	-0.379	7.208	6.910	6.910	6.910
<i>Previously Proposed Pay Inflation</i>	7.134	7.208	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New Risk Assumption to be allocated</i>	0.000			8.202	7.480
<i>New Pay Inflation</i>	-3.300	0.000	6.910	6.910	6.910
<i>Previously Proposed Redesign Saving</i>	-4.213				
Total Service Changes	25.806	40.061	38.536	43.009	45.640
<i>Previously Proposed</i>	19.859	36.139	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>New</i>	5.947	3.922	38.536	43.009	45.640

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Adult Services

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		Inflation for Care Packages						
PP Pressure	Inflation	2026ASC4 - Forecast increases to the cost of care packages due to inflation. Remove previous pressures and replace with 2026ASC02	3.847	9.964				13.811
PP Pressure	Inflation	2025ASC601 - Increases to the cost of care packages funded by the council. Remove previous pressures and replace with 2026ASC02.	5.500					5.500
New Pressure	Inflation	2027ASC02 - Forecast increases to the cost of care packages due to inflation. 2028/29 onwards are new years being added to the MTFS.	-3.755	-0.100	10.016	10.165	10.165	26.491
		Subtotal Inflation for Care Packages	5.592	9.864	10.016	10.165	10.165	45.802
		Demand Increases from Population Growth						
PP Pressure	Demand	2025ASC590 - Demand increases resulting from population growth	8.500					8.500
PP Pressure	Demand	2026ASC1 - Projected increase in demand resulting from population growth.	-2.532	6.429				3.897
New Pressure	Demand	2027ASC01 - Demand increases resulting from population growth. 2028/29 onwards are new years being added to the MTFS.	-0.596		6.429	6.429	6.429	18.691
		Subtotal Demand Increases from Population Growth	5.372	6.429	6.429	6.429	6.429	31.088
New Pressure	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC06 - High cost complex placements have continued to increase during 2025/26. The ongoing effect of these placements is expected to create a continuing pressure in 2026/27 and beyond.	3.600					3.600
PP Pressure	Other	2026L&CO1 - Revenue costs of borrowing to support the cost of additional complex needs accommodation for adults of working age (Links to 2026L&CO17).	0.120	0.120				0.240
PP Saving	Other	2026L&CO19 - Savings associated with additional in-house residential accommodation for adults with complex needs	-0.120	-0.120				-0.240
New Pressure	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC03 - Increased cost of emergency contract for telecare provision following provider failure in 2025/26	0.647					0.647
New Pressure	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC04 - Increased cost of emergency contract for community equipment following provider failure in 2025/26	0.270					0.270

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressure	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC05 - Increased cost of contract renewal relating to services for Adults with Learning Disabilities to match framework rates (HOWDAB2 contract)	0.474	0.237				0.711
PP Saving	Use of technology	2026ASC23 - Reduction in the number of packages that include double handed care (the need to have two carers to help support the individual) thanks to the successful implementation of reablement programme and assistive technology solutions.	-0.112					-0.112
New Saving	Use of PH grant funding	2027PHC1 - Continuation of savings for ASC through reduced charges for social care assessments	-0.072					-0.072
New Saving	Use of PH grant funding	2027PHC2 - Continuation of utilisation of Public Health Grant to help fund Community Capacity Grants	-0.250					-0.250
New Saving	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC008 - Efficiencies in new supported living contract reduces contract costs	-0.541	-0.145	-0.177	-0.173		-1.036
New Saving	Other	2027ASC009 - Oxfordshire Employment will deliver the SEQF pathway of the Connect to Work Programme in Oxfordshire. This is a fully funded programme that encompasses some provision previously delivered from the service's core budget (so council funding can be released without impacting on service provision). At present this would be delivered annually over a 5 year period.	-0.100					-0.100
New Saving	Contract & Third Party spend	2027ASC011 - Contract reviews within Learning Disability Supported Living settings	-0.750					-0.750
PP Savings	Cross Cutting Savings	2026RLGEST10 - Several projects are being transitioned into the New Ways of Working with an amalgamation activities/contracts, with a review of both Children's and Adults Transport services.	-0.050					-0.050
New Saving	Other	2027ASCPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.301	-0.301	-0.301			-0.903
Total			13.779	16.084	15.967	16.421	16.594	78.845

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Children's Services

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressure	Demand - ongoing effect of 2025/26 activity	2027CS01 - Requirement to address underlying on-going effect of the forecast overspend in 2025/26.	8.731					8.731
New Pressure	Demand - ongoing effect of 2025/26 activity	2027CS11 - Requirement to address underlying on-going effect of the forecast overspend in 2025/26 - additional cost of the full year effect of that activity in 2026/27.	2.843					2.843
PP Pressure	Demand	2025CS787 - Financial Strategy originally built into 2024/25 budget estimated that demand would reduce by 2026/27.	-4.237					-4.237
PP Pressure	Other	2026CS11 - Financial Strategy savings risk (100% of previously proposed savings in 2026/27). Use risk adjustment to offset demand reduction assumed in Financial Strategy (2025CS787) that has not materialised.	5.000					5.000
		Children we Care For Demographic Growth						
PP Pressure	Demand	2026CS10 - Demand increases resulting from population growth	1.140	1.510				2.650
New Pressure	Demand	2027CS02 - Children's Social Care - Demographic growth	0.626	0.787	2.918	3.226	3.832	11.389
		Subtotal Children we Care For Demographic Growth	3.866	2.297	2.918	3.226	3.832	16.139
		Home to School Transport						
PP Pressure	Demand	2025CS-HN713 - Future increases in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)	2.500					2.500
PP Pressure	Demand	2026CS16 - Update to Home to School demographic growth. This figure assumes the same annual growth of 7% (Post 16 SEN) and 9% (SEN) and factors in the volume cost impact of increasing Out of County provision.	0.700	3.200				3.900
New Pressure	Demand	2027CS12 - Add new years to plan for Home to School Transport Demographic Growth			3.400	3.400	3.400	10.200

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Savings	Cross Cutting Savings	2026RLGEST10 - Several Home to School Transport projects are being transitioned into the New Ways of Working with an amalgamation activities/contracts, with a review of both Children's and Adults Transport services.	-0.925					-0.925
		Subtotal Home to School Transport	2.275	3.200	3.400	3.400	3.400	15.675
PP Pressure	Demand	2026CS33 - Educational Psychology - Demand for Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments (EHCNA) is expected to increase and there is a statutory requirement to provide information from an Education Psychologist for every EHCNA agreed.	1.027					1.027
New Pressure	Service Enhancement	2027CS30 - SEND Casework Team	0.800					0.800
PP Pressure	Contribution from Reserves	2026COVID - The modelling approach to COVID-19 within Oxfordshire across all services has been to compare expected, annual growth patterns to growth seen through the pandemic. The excess growth was deemed to be as a result of the pandemic. Using this method there were an extra 74 plans issued, and applying costs based on the normal pattern of provisions, this resulted in an additional cost to High Needs. One - off funding from the COVID-19 reserve will be removed as planned from 2026/27 as no further funding is available.	1.200					1.200
PP Pressure	Demand	COVID11 - The modelling approach to COVID-19 within Oxfordshire across all services has been to compare expected, annual growth patterns to growth seen through the pandemic. The excess growth is deemed to be as a result of the pandemic. Using this method there were an extra 74 plans issued, and applying costs based on the normal pattern of provisions, this results in an additional cost to High Needs. One - off expenditure funded from the COVID-19 reserve will be removed as planned from	-1.200					-1.200

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		2026/27 as no further funding is available.						
PP Pressure	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPIX - 4.2%; RPI - 4.1%; CPI - 2.5%)	0.780	0.836				1.616
PP Pressure	Inflation	2026CS12 - Inflation - funding for estimated inflationary increases to the cost of care.	2.628	2.890				5.518
New Pressure	Inflation	2027CS03 - Children's Social Care - Adjust Contract Inflation to reflect anticipated increases	-0.241	-0.280	0.587	0.614	0.645	1.325
New Pressure	Inflation	2027CS04 - Children's Social Care - Placement Inflation	0.301	0.163	3.243	3.430	3.657	10.794
PP Pressure	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.034	-0.034				-0.068
New Pressure	Demand	2027CS05 - Requirement to address 2025/26 Children We Care For saving under-delivery	1.208					1.208
New Pressure	Other	2027CS08 - Additional funding required to top up Disabled Facilities Grant funding for adaptations to homes etc	0.100					0.100
New Pressure	Other	2027CS10 - Release uncommitted funding for the Recruitment & Retention Strategy (replaced by new service investments in 2027CS20 and 2027CS30)	-1.331					-1.331
PP Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2025CS721 - Agency Staff In Social Care - replacement with permanent Staff	-1.200					-1.200
PP Savings	Demand	2025CS723 - Manage Demand for Children We Care For (CWCF) - Maintain CWCF at the current number	-0.700					-0.700
PP Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2025CS724 - Bring Children We Care For (CWCF) currently placed out of the county back into Oxfordshire	-0.300					-0.300
PP Savings	Demand	2025CS726 - Exits from Care - Ensuring children cease to be Children We Care For (CWCF) in line with their plan in a timely way	-2.800					-2.800
New Pressure	Demand	Contingency for savings risk	2.100					2.100
PP Savings	Demand	2025L&CO25 - Investment in Family Help Team (2025L&CO3) was expected to reduce future demand for and the cost of care.	-0.500					-0.500

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Savings	Demand	2026CS23 - Introduction of a no detriment policy for Special Guardianship Orders to increase local capacity to support children we care for	-0.202	-0.167				-0.369
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2025CS790/1/3 - New Service Investments (supporting the Financial Strategy) - Recruitment & Retention Strategy	0.408					0.408
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	- New Service Investments (supporting the Financial Strategy) - Recruitment & Retention Strategy (apprentices)	0.300					0.300
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026CS19 - Social Work Apprenticeships - Additional funding to align with 2025CS793 Recruitment & Retention Strategy (apprenticeships). This investment will enable us to recruit at least 25 new social work apprentices, contributing to our long-term goal of reducing reliance on temporary social work staff.	0.137	0.183				0.320
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026L&CO2 - Investment to deliver on the outcomes of the Education Commission, with a particular focus on narrowing the gap for disadvantaged children, embedding best practice within a new legislative environment and providing support to partnership work - one - off funding falls out in 2026/27.	-0.250					-0.250
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026L&CO3 - Extend 2025L&CO3 funding for SEND early-intervention support in Early Years and primary school settings to respond to SEND needs and proactively support the transition into mainstream education. This will need a disapplication to DfE to obtain Secretary of State agreement to add this funding into Early Years and Primary School settings. One - funding falls out in 2026/27.	-0.120					-0.120
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026L&CO5 - Invest in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) to support parents/carers accessing SEND services (2 further FTE) - full year effect of additional posts in 2026/27.	0.030					0.030

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026L&CO6 - Free Breakfast Club Delivery Strategy to identifying barriers to county-wide roll out of Government scheme (seek match funding from Multi Academy Trusts) so that every child can benefit. The strategy should also consider the role for the potential in-house County School Meals service. One - off funding falls out in 2026/27.	-0.120					-0.120
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026L&CO7 - Scoping work for new Youth Futures Hubs in Oxfordshire. This should use co-production methods to engage with young people alongside the deprivation work done by Public Health to develops plans for Hubs across the County aimed at meeting the needs of marginalised young people.	0.120					0.120
PP Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2025L&CO24 - Invest to save returns resulting from reducing numbers of private placements for children we care for through increase in internal care provision (see 2025L&CO5)	-0.120	-0.120				-0.240
PP Investments	Support future savings	2025L&CO5 - Revenue borrowing costs associated with adding three new children's homes from 2026/27 (including one focused on older children) to the capital programme.	0.120	0.120				0.240
New Savings	Use of PH grant funding	2027PHC3 - Continuation of utilisation of Public Health Grant to support Family Solutions Plus	-0.250					-0.250
New Savings	Other	2027CSPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.665	-0.665	-0.665			-1.995
New Investments	Other	Families First Partnership Programme: New activity funded by Children, Families and Youth Grant increase in 2026/27 - respond to new requirements set out by the Government.	3.146		-0.935			2.211
New Grant Funding	Other	Families First Partnership Grant Funding	-3.146		0.935			-2.211
New Pressure	Other	2027CS20 - Removal of part of prior year Cross Cutting Agency and Contract Savings (pre 2024/25)	0.873					0.873
		Total	18.477	8.423	9.483	10.670	11.534	58.587

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Environment & Highways

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		Countryside & Waste						
		Waste Demography						
PP Pressures	Demand	2025EPDG2026E&H1 - Add new year of estimated demographic growth for Waste Management (resulting from population growth increasing waste tonnes being disposed of)	0.400					0.400
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH102026E&H1 - Demand increases resulting from population growth increasing waste tonnes being disposed of, ranging from 2.9% to 3.2% per annum		0.400				0.400
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in volume of Dry Recycling - add new years to plan			0.047	0.053	0.054	0.154
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in volume of organic waste - add new years to plan			0.042	0.048	0.049	0.139
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Energy Recovery - add new years to plan	0.250	-0.150	0.206	0.221	0.226	0.753
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H2 - Increase in Landfill volumes - add new years to plan			0.020	0.021	0.021	0.062
		Subtotal Waste Demography	0.650	0.250	0.315	0.343	0.350	1.908
PP Pressures	Policy Change	2026EH12 - New carbon tax applied to fossil fuel carbon generated from waste incinerated from April 2028. Need for pre-implementation activity in the run up to the scheme starting in April 2026.	0.200	0.000				0.200
PP Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2026EH14 - The waste management contract was extended until October 2027, so costs associated with a new contract were moved to 2027/28.	0.000	0.625				0.625
PP Pressures	Other	2026EH15 - Dean Pit leachate management and Dix Landfill long term management and Landfill Tax increase	0.050	0.000				0.050
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H3 - Contractor passing through costs resulting from a change in law.	0.060					0.060
New Pressures	New Responsibilities	2027E&H9 - Additional costs to cover purchasing strategy of carbon allowances (hedging etc) in the run up to the beginning of the scheme in January 2028. Includes the Monitoring and external support costs.	0.160	1.000	4.000	0.000	0.000	5.160

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	New Responsibilities	2027E&H9 - Potential New Burdens grant from central government for Carbon Allowances (not yet confirmed)		-0.800	-3.328			-4.128
New Pressures	Commercialisation and Optimisation of Fees & Charges	2027E&H10 - Consultancy support to evaluate options for re-provision of the contract for the disposal of food and garden waste. Current contract expires 2029 and re-procurement options may include Joint Ventures and or construction of our own facilities which need to be evaluated and have a significant lead in period.	0.100	0.000	0.000	-0.100	0.000	0.000
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H11 - Funding required to carry out essential maintenance at the council's Household Waste Recycling Centres.	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.050
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H13 - 2026E&H25 - a short term contract for running HWRCs in Oxfordshire would be relatively more expensive in the short run but would potentially increase options for savings following Local Government Reform.	0.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.000
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H13 - It is anticipated that through commercial negotiation the cost of the contract can partially reduce, though it is anticipated that the council will take a greater share of the risk.		-0.300				-0.300
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H14 - Current funding for CCTV at waste management sites is set to expire this year. If no funding is agreed CCTV will need to cease, at least in short term until lane rental comes online.	0.250	0.000	-0.125	-0.125	0.000	0.000
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H14 - Fund CCTV pressure from reserves	-0.250	0.000	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H15 - Savings on food and garden waste contract. Actual spend is weather dependent and mainly driven by that so may not be achievable.	-0.100	-0.050	0.000	0.000		-0.150
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027E&H16 - Improvements to contractual arrangements for bulking, haulage and disposal of Persistent Organic Pollutants.	-0.100	-0.050	0.000	0.000		-0.150
		Use of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities funding						
New Pressures	pEPR Funding	2027E&H1 - Waste Management contract inflation funded by packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities (pEPR) funding	-0.162		-0.985	-0.942		-2.089
New Pressures	pEPR Funding	2027E&H19 - Use pEPR funding to manage Waste Management pressures.	-0.420	-1.650	-0.987	-0.243	0.000	-3.300

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	PEPR Funding	2027E&H20 - Use of pEPR funding to meet costs of managing the disposal of waste packaging means council budget can be released.	-4.807	1.650	1.972	1.185	0.000	0.000
		Subtotal use of Packaging Extended Producer Responsibilities funding	-5.389	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-5.389
PP Savings	Other	2025EP693 - Various pressures associated with service areas within Environment & Circular Economy - to be managed within the existing budget allocation 2024/25 (offsets pressure EP692)	0.123					0.123
PP Pressures	Other	2025EP692 - Various pressures associated with service areas within Environment & Circular Economy (offset by saving EP693). Remaining funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.123	0.000				-0.123
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H12 - The council currently provides funding of £6,000 per annum to contribute to the management of 200+ Local Wildlife Sites in Oxfordshire. All partners have been asked to provide additional funding as part of delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and our Biodiversity Action Framework.	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.060
		Highways Maintenance						
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH11 - Increase in maintenance of street lighting and lit signs as a result of highways asset growth.	0.145	0.000				0.145
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH19 - Increase in maintenance of highway assets as a result of the maintainable network growing.	0.270	0.250				0.520
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH20 - Increase in the number of traffic signals that need to be maintained as a result of asset growth.	0.120	0.000				0.120
PP Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2026EH28 - Use commuted sums to fund increase in maintenance as a result of network and asset growth (offsets 2026EH11, 19, 20 and 28)	-0.535	-0.250				-0.785
PP Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates)	2.517	2.910				5.427
New Pressures	Inflation	2027E&H2 - Contract Inflation - changes to the current assumption in the MTFS and add new years to plan 2028/29 (CPI -1.9% to 2%; RPI - 3.1% to 2.9% RPIX - 2.9% to 2.8% and other fixes rates)	0.225		1.773	1.822	1.858	5.678
New Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates) move home to school transport inflation to Children's Services.	-0.661	-0.790				-1.451

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates) move Concessionary Fares inflation to E&P.	-0.339	-0.350				-0.689
PP Pressures	Demand	2025EP622 - Increased highway maintenance activity (additional funding for potholes)	0.050	0.000				0.050
PP Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.437	-0.437				-0.874
PP Pressures	Policy Change	2026EH23 - the Department of Transport have now approved the Lane Rental Scheme in Oxfordshire so income is expected to start to be received in 2026/27 in line with previously proposed budget assumptions.	-1.075	0.000				-1.075
PP Savings	Commercialisation and Optimisation of Fees & Charges	2026L&CO21 - Full year effect of receipts from increased enforcement of streetworks achieved through investment in increased enforcement of streetworks (2 Officers and 1 Senior Officer). See 2026L&CO9	-0.114					-0.114
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026L&CO9 - Full year effect of increased enforcement of streetworks (2 Officers and 1 Senior Officer) from 2026/27	0.065					0.065
New Pressures	Service Enhancement	2027E&H7 - Ongoing / increased drainage activity to extend beyond gullies - look at carrier drain and surveys etc	0.200					0.200
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H7 - Fund additional drainage activity from Commuted Sums	-0.200					-0.200
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H5 - Increased number of RTPI assets across county due to sustained BSIP investment. To ensure larger asset base can be maintained and maximum operating lifespans achieved additional funding will be required.	0.320	0.017	0.018	0.019		0.374
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H5 - Funding for RTPI Operations	-0.320	-0.017	-0.018	-0.019		-0.374
PP Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2025EP588 - Increased Parking Service operational and maintenance costs	0.200	0.000				0.200
PP Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2025EP598 - Increased drawdown from Parking Reserve to support increased Parking Service operational and maintenance costs	-0.200	0.000				-0.200
PP Pressures	Demand	2026EH22 - Additional maintenance & management costs associated with Park and Ride car parks.	0.075	0.000				0.075

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H8 - Pressures relating to asset routine & cyclical maintenance	0.350					0.350
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H1 - Maintenance contract inflation funded by Commuted Sums.	-0.063		-0.521	-0.535	-0.525	-1.644
PP Savings	Reserves Funded Expenditure	2025EP620 - Increase the use of commuted sums held in reserves to maintain new infrastructure as a result of new developments and changes to the highway	-0.100					-0.100
New Pressures	Service Enhancement	2027E&H6 - Public realm maintenance of town centres	0.075					0.075
PP Investments	Other	2026L&CO12 - Phase five of School Streets scheme (revenue cost of implementation/maintenance)	0.047	-0.030				0.017
		Park & Rides						
PP Investments	Other	2026EH40 - Investment of £0.4m required to support holding the price of a joint ticket (parking and bus fare) at Park & Ride car parks unchanged from 2024/25 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.400	0.000				-0.400
New Pressures	Demand	2027E&H4 - Demand for joint ticketing deal has exceeded expectations, to provide service on an ongoing basis additional funding will be required.	0.400	0.062	0.065	0.068		0.595
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H4 - Funding for P&R joint ticketing deal	-0.400	-0.062	-0.065	-0.068		-0.595
PP Savings	Commercialisation and Optimisation of Fees & Charges	2026L&CO22 - Introduce long stay parking charge(s) at Thornhill Park & Ride in 2026/27 for those connecting to coach-services for Heathrow and Gatwick. Nominal amount included pending actual income generated through scheme operation.	-0.010					-0.010
		Subtotal Park & Rides	-0.410	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.410
		Ash Tree Dieback						
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H17 - Annual revenue maintenance costs associated with the council's ash tree dieback plan.	0.150					0.150
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&H17 - Fund revenue maintenance cost of ash tree dieback from Commuted Sums	-0.150					-0.150
New Pressures	Other	2027E&H18 - The cost of the planned programme to assess, inspect and remove infected ash trees across the county.	0.353	1.528	2.236	-2.234	0.023	1.906
		Subtotal Ash Tree Dieback	0.353	1.528	2.236	-2.234	0.023	1.906

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Saving	Other	2027E&HPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.123	-0.123	-0.123			-0.369
		Total	-3.824	5.383	4.352	-0.704	1.706	6.913

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Economy & Place

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026EP12 - £1m one – off investment to leverage investment in rail, including supporting active travel access, improvement programmes and the development of strategic cases and masterplans to prove the environmental, economic and community case for rail falls out in 2026/27. Any funding not used in 2025/26 will be held in reserves for use in 2026/27.	-1.000					-1.000
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026EP10 - Investment in pro-active flooding measures and working with communities who have suffered flooding (one - off funding falls out - some of this will be held in reserves at the end of 2025/26 and used in 2026/27)	-2.000					-2.000
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026L&CO11 - Removal of one - off funding for the development of a Kerbside Strategy (including lobbying Government for powers to tackle pavement parking)	-0.040					-0.040
PP Pressures	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	24EP30 - Transport Hubs (revenue funding for capital expenditure of £0.5m per year for three years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26) in locations across Oxfordshire including e-bike hire, car club promotion etc). Funding falls out in 2026/27.	-0.500					-0.500
PP Pressures	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026EP5 - Funding for pressure in energy and retrofit staffing budget owing to gap between expenditure and grant funding falls out in 2026/27.	-0.050					-0.050
New Pressures	Inflation	Contract Inflation (RPI - 2.2%; CPI - 1.6%; EPI 1.7% and other fixed rates) move to E&P RE Concessionary Fares	0.339	0.350				0.689
New Pressures	Inflation	2027E&P1 - Contract Inflation - Add new years to plan for 2028/29 onwards (CPI -1.9% to 2%; RPI - 3.1% to 2.9% RPIX - 2.9% to 2.8% and other fixed rates)			0.360	0.371	0.378	1.109

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.004	-0.004				-0.008
New Pressures	Other	2027E&P2 - Highway Agreements Team income profile requires adjustment to ensure alignment with income forecast. In past 3 years there has been overlap in fee type and timing of fees drawn in, that has artificially inflated income. 'Old' fees are now running down and as such just one style of fee is being drawn in. This will result in a net reduction each year in forecast income.	0.700	0.700				1.400
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&P2 - Use of S278 Reserve to offset against Highways Agreements team income generation risk, due to the tailing off of the number of houses being developed. This is only a short term funding fix, by which time the risk of an ongoing income shortfall may be realised.	-0.700	-0.475	1.175			0.000
New Pressures	Other	2027E&P3 - One - off funding to support the delivery of a rail strategy for Oxfordshire.	0.350	-0.350				0.000
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&P3 - Use Enterprise Zone retained business rates funding for the delivery of the Rail strategy (as per conditional approval by Cabinet in October 2025)	-0.350	0.350				0.000
New Pressures	Other	2027E&P4 - monitoring and evaluation costs for xxx currently unfunded	0.250					0.250
		Strategic Development Plan						
New Pressures	Service Enhancement	2027E&P5 - Model renewal required to baseline the new Strategic Development Plan for Oxfordshire and/or the Thames Valley.	0.500	-0.500				0.000
New Pressures	Other	2027E&P6 - Increase strategic planning resources to start the production of the new Strategic Development Plan for Oxfordshire and/or the Thames Valley	0.350	-0.350				0.000

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027E&P5&6 - Use funding from the Local Government Reform and Devolution Reserve to fund the development of the Strategic Development Plan	-0.850	0.850				0.000
		Subtotal Strategic Development Plan	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
New Pressures	New Responsibilities	2027E&P7 - Estimated cost of purchasing Carbon credits to offset to deliver the 2030 Net Zero target				0.255		0.255
PP Savings	One off funding falls out	2025EP774 - Utilisation of Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) to support spend in 2024/25 and 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	0.400	0.000				0.400
PP Savings	One off funding falls out	2025EP745 - One - off funding to manage various pressures associated with policy development under existing budget allocation (offsets pressure EP744) falls out in 2026/27	0.568	0.000				0.568
PP Pressures	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2025EP744 - Funding for pressures associated with policy development for area travel plans, HGV studies and Multi Modal transport model (offset by saving EP745) falls out in 2026/27.	-0.568					-0.568
PP Savings	One off funding falls out	2026EP7 - Temporary reduction in revenue works budget in central Oxfordshire team while activity is focussed on alternatively funded core schemes falls out in 2027/28	0.000	0.040				0.040
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2025L&CO13 - Implementation costs for Phase four of the school streets scheme falls out in 2026/27	-0.030					-0.030
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2025L&CO15 - One - off seed funding for supporting pilot Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) bus services, building on business case developed through 2025L&CO14 falls out in 2026/27	-0.250	0.000				-0.250
PP Investments	One off funding falls out in 2027/28	2026EP1 - Additional temporary resource to support the development of four nationally significant infrastructure projects in	0.000	-0.075				-0.075

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		2025/26 and 2026/27 falls out in 2027/28						
PP Investments	One off funding falls out in 2027/28	2026L&CO8 - Resourcing to support the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly on transport in 2025/26 and 2026/27 falls out in 2027/28	0.000	-0.050				-0.050
PP Investments	One off funding falls out in 2027/28	2026L&CO10 - £0.1m funding for Full Business Case development for Greenways cross-country cycle routes connecting rural villages and market towns to/from Oxford will continue in 2026/27 but then falls out in 2027/28.	0.000	-0.100				-0.100
PP Investments	One off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27	2026L&CO13 - Funding for a one - off piece of work for evidence gathering and design work for developing further area based HGV enforcement falls out in 2026/27	-0.140					-0.140
PP Investments	Other	2025L&CO17 - Revenue borrowing costs for pipeline delivery of capital projects identified as part of the East Oxford Mini-Holland Project.	0.120					0.120
New Saving	Other	2027E&PPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.080	-0.080	-0.080			-0.240
Total			-2.985	0.306	1.455	0.626	0.378	-0.220

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Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue and Community Safety

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Pressure	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.003	-0.003				-0.006
New Pressure	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)			-0.003	-0.003	-0.003	-0.009
PP Pressure	Inflation	Contract Inflation	0.160	0.165				0.325
New Pressure	Inflation	2027CSS100 - Contract Inflation at 3% per OBR estimate - add new years to plan			0.170	0.175	0.180	0.525
PP Pressure	Other	2025CSafety670 - Vehicle Renewals, increase revenue contribution for replacement of Fire Vehicles	0.120	0.000				0.120
PP Pressure	Other	2026FRCSS2 - Emergency Services Mobile Communication Programme (Operational Radios) There is an ongoing government led central project to replace the mobile communications platform for emergency services. It is expected to cost us an additional £200k a year once implemented.	0.200	0.000				0.200
New Pressure	Other	2027CSS101 - Grant funding shortfall for nine posts within the Fire Protection team. The Fire Protection grant for 2025/26 is £0.252m and this leaves a funding gap of £0.120m, with no remaining reserve to cover this. Whilst MHCLG have confirmed the grant for 2025/26, a risk remains that this could be reduced/removed in future years.	0.120					0.120
New Pressure	Other	2027CSS103 - Ill health and injury - ongoing pressures	0.100					0.100
		2027CSS104 - Allocated staffing savings from 2023/24 that have not been achieved.	0.080					0.080
New Pressure	Other	2027CSS105 - Operational budget risks - PPE, uniforms and equipment	0.120					0.120
New Pressure	Other	2027CSS106 - Thames Valley Shared Fire Control System one-off set up costs		0.350	-0.350			0.000
New Pressure	Other	2027CSS107 - Thames Valley Shared Fire Control System costs (on-going increase)			0.250			0.250
New Saving	Other	2027FRCSSPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.042	-0.042	-0.042			-0.126
Total			0.855	0.470	0.025	0.172	0.177	1.699

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Public Health

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		Community Services						
PP Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.012	-0.012				-0.024
New Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)			-0.012	-0.012	-0.012	-0.024
		Public Health						
PP Savings	One off use of Public Health grant funding falls out	2025PH1 - Utilisation of government grant to fund domestic abuse services means £0.200m of council funding can be released in 2025/26. One - off release of funding falls out in 2026/27.	0.200	0.000				0.200
New Savings	Use of PH grant funding	2027PHC4 - Utilisation of government grant to fund domestic abuse services means £0.200m of council funding can continue to be released in 2026/27.	-0.200	0.200				0.000
PP Savings	One off use of Public Health grant funding falls out	2025PH6 - Utilisation of Public Health Grant to support Family Solutions Plus (replaced in 2026/27 by 2027PHC3 in Children's Services)	0.250	0.000				0.250
PP Savings	One off use of Public Health grant funding falls out	2025PH7 - one - off utilisation of Public Health Grant to help fund Community Capacity Grants in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27 (replaced in 2026/27 by 2027PHC2 in Adult Services)	0.250	0.000				0.250
PP Savings	One off use of Public Health grant funding falls out	2025PH8 - one - off funding for savings for ASC through reduced charges for social care assessments in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27 (replaced in 2026/27 by 2027PHC1 in Adult Services)	0.072	0.000				0.072
New Saving	Other	2027PHPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.060	-0.060	-0.060			-0.180
New Pressures	Other	New expenditure budget for the increase to the Public Health Grant to address the latest requirements set out by the Government.	0.922	1.040	1.129			3.091

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Grant Funding	Other	Increase to public health grant funding notified in Provisional Finance Settlement	-0.922	-1.040	-1.129			-3.091
		Total	0.500	0.128	-0.072	-0.012	-0.012	0.544

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Transformation, Digital and Customer Experience

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)	-0.002	-0.002				-0.004
New Pressures	Inflation	Income Inflation (2.0%)			-0.002	-0.002	-0.002	-0.006
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026TDCE3 - Contract Inflation	0.010	0.010				0.020
PP Pressures	One off funding falls out	24COVID4 - Funding for additional resource for the Social & Health Care Team in the council's Customer Service Centre from 2023/24 to 2025/26 (originally funded from the COVID-19 reserve) drops out in 2026/27	-0.175	0.000				-0.175
New Pressures	Inflation	2027TDC100 - Customer Experience Contract inflation at 3% per OBR estimate. £10k for Blue badge and bus passes - add new years to plan			0.010	0.010	0.010	0.030
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026TDCE6 - Investment in Revised Data Team Structure	0.298	0.000				0.298
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026TDCE2 - Programme Management Office - Cohort 2 Inhouse training provision funding	0.020	0.000				0.020
New Saving	Other	2027TDCEPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.053	-0.053	-0.053			-0.159
Total			0.098	-0.045	-0.045	0.008	0.008	0.024

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Resources and Law and Governance

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Pressures	Inflation	2025Corp973 - Revised structure and pay scales for the council's Strategic Leadership Team (approved by Council on 7 November 2023). Full year effect in 2026/27	0.028	0.000				0.028
		IT Services						
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026RLGIT1 - IT - Contract Inflation	0.070	0.090				0.160
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - IT - Contract Inflation - add new years to plan			0.200	0.070	0.200	0.470
New Pressures	Contract & Third Party spend	2027RES101 - CoPilot licences costs - to be funded by Transformation Reserve for 2026/27 only	1.342					1.342
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027RES101 - CoPilot licences costs - to be funded by Transformation Reserve in 2026/27 only	-1.342	1.342				0.000
		HR and Cultural Change						
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026RLGHR1 / 2026RLGHR2 - Contract Inflation	0.010	0.010				0.020
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Contract inflation (add new years to plan)			0.010	0.010	0.010	0.030
		Coroner Service						
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026RLGL1 - Coroners - Contract Inflation	0.040	0.040				0.080
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Coroner Service - Contract Inflation (add new years to plan)			0.041	0.042	0.043	0.126
New Pressures	Inflation	2027L&G101 - Coroner Service - Agreed fee increase on current body removal contract as of 01/04/25 creating overall budget pressure of £0.060m (£0.040m previously agreed inflation for 2026/27 so additional £0.020m pressure). The current contract expires on 28.02.26 so a tender process will begin imminently for a new contract as of 01.03.26. Pressure is based on the current contract but any new contract may differ.	0.020					0.020
New Pressures	Policy Change	2027L&G103 - Senior Coroner and Area Coroner pay alignment to the judicial pay scale effective 1/4/2025 as approved by RemCom on 9/10/2025. Annual increase £0.064m plus on costs. Total £0.086m	0.086					0.086

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
New Pressures	Inflation	2027L&G100 - Coroner Service - The Coroner Mortuary Provision annual £0.264m contract expired on 31/03/25 after 30 years, an extension has been agreed by OCC & OUH with £0.291m increase effective 1/4/2025. Total annual cost £0.555m.	0.308	0.017	0.017	0.018	0.019	0.379
		Members' Allowances						
New Pressures	Policy Change	2027L&G104 - Adoption of Scheme of Members' Allowances as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel. Current budget £1.582m, required budget £1.713m. £0.131m increase (8.3%)	0.131					0.131
		Public Affairs, Policy & Partnerships						
New Pressures	Demand	2027SST634 - Public Affairs, Policy & Partnerships - 2027/28 pressure from the withdrawal of government funding for Healthwatch.						0.000
PP Investments	Service Enhancement	2026L&CO16 - Publicise the findings of the Citizens Assembly on the future of transport and undertake a follow-up public engagement exercise. One - off funding in 2025/26 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.050					-0.050
PP Investments		2026PAPP05 - Funding for the continuation of the Councillor Priority Fund for 2025/26 and 2026/27 falls out in 2026/27. The fund enables councillors to support local projects in their communities and will continue to run through 2026/27.	-0.775	0.000				-0.775
		Registration Service						
PP Savings	Inflation	2026RLGR1 - Registration Service - Income Inflation - Fees & Charges	-0.060	-0.060				-0.120
New Savings	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Registration Service - Income Inflation - Fees & Charges - add new years to plan			-0.062	-0.064	-0.066	-0.192
		Property & Assets						
PP Pressures	Inflation	Multiple - Contract/Business Rates Inflation	0.388	0.403				0.791
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Contract Inflation - Facilities Management Operations (add new years to plan)			0.196	0.202	0.208	0.605
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Contract Inflation - Estates (add new years to plan)			0.219	0.226	0.233	0.678
PP Pressures	Other	2026RLGFM7a - Delay in the occupation of a new library facility in Banbury to 2025/26. Remainder of £150k saving from 2024/25 falls out in 2026/27.	-0.075	0.000				-0.075

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Savings	Other	2025PI&FM691 - Delay in the occupation of a new library facility in the Banbury to 2025/26. £0.150m saving from 2024/25 falls out in 2025/26 and 2026/27.	0.075	0.000				0.075
New Pressures	Inflation	2027RES104 - Estates - New Banbury Library joint project with Cherwell District Council to be delivered in 2027/28		0.150				0.150
New Pressures	Demand	2027RES103 - Estates - Housing Team to support development of housing provision for social care, for example	0.278					0.278
New Pressures	Reserves funded expenditure	2027RES103 - Estates - Housing Team pressures to be funded from Transformation Reserve in 2026/27 only	-0.278	0.278				0.000
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027RES106 - Estates/Assets, trend of energy costs currently shows a downturn vs planned budget	-0.250					-0.250
New Savings	other	2027RES107 - FM Operations, Delivery of operational efficiency processes & contract reviews.	-0.250					-0.250
PP Investments		2026RLGFM8 - Funding for discretionary rent concessions currently provided to tenants in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) falls out in March 2026.	-0.100	0.000				-0.100
New Investments	Service Enhancement	2027RES105 - The discretionary rent concessions currently provided to tenants in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) are scheduled to end in March 2025. Plans are in place to extend this support for an additional year.	0.100					0.100
		Financial & Commercial Services						
New Investments	Service Enhancement	2027RES102 - The investment in Financial and Commercial Services is expected to deliver an at least equal saving across the organisation as a result of better management and identification of commercial and third-party opportunities	0.770					0.770
New Savings	Contract & Third Party spend	2027RES102 - Financial and Commercial Services is expected to deliver an at least equal saving across the organisation as a result of better management and identification of commercial and third-party opportunities	-0.770					-0.770
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026RLGFC1 - Contract Inflation	0.155	0.160				0.315
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - IBC Contract Inflation (add new years to plan)			0.165	0.170	0.175	0.510
New Pressures	Inflation	2027RES109 - IBC Contract Inflation - 2026LRGFC1 previously agreed not required	-0.155					-0.155

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	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
		Legal Services						
New Investments	Other	2027L&G102 - Revised Operating structure for Legal Services.	0.500					0.500
PP Pressures	Inflation	2026RLGL1 - Legal - Contract Inflation	0.035	0.040				0.075
New Pressures	Inflation - New Plan Years	2027RES100 - Legal Services - Contract Inflation (add new years to plan)			0.041	0.042	0.043	0.126
		Other Changes						
PP Pressures	Demand	COVID18 - Local Council Tax Support Scheme: anticipation of future emergency welfare demand in 2022/23 falls out in 2026/27 (originally funded from COVID-19 Reserve)	-0.500	0.000				-0.500
New Saving	Other	2027RLGPEN - Reduction within employer pension contribution rate reduced by 1% from 19.9% to 18.9% for 2026/27 and then a further 1% in each of 2027/28 and 2028/29	-0.366	-0.366	-0.366			-1.097
New Pressures	Other	New expenditure budget for the Household Support Fund, under the Crisis & Resilience Fund, to address the latest requirements set out by the Government (Government Grant funded)	4.826		0.979			5.805
New grant Funding	Other	New grant funding: Crisis & Resilience Fund notified in Provisional Local Government Settlement	-4.826		-0.979			-5.805
Total			-0.635	2.104	0.461	0.716	0.865	3.511

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Changes to be Allocated to Services

	Category	Description	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	Total £m
PP Pressure	Inflation	CORP110 - Impact of increases in employers National Insurance contribution on Employee and services expenditure	0.185	0.259				0.444
PP Pressure	Inflation	Pay Inflation @ 3.5% in 2026/27 then 3.0% from 2027/28. (NB. There is existing funding that will roll forward from 2025/26 to add to the 2026/27 funding).	6.949	6.949				13.898
New Pressure	Inflation	Add new years for pay inflation at 3%			6.910	6.910	6.910	20.730
New Saving	Inflation	Release excess pay inflation held in 2025/26	-2.500					-2.500
New Saving	Other	Release excess funding for employers NI held in 2025/26	-0.800					-0.800
PP Saving	Other	Cross Cutting Savings - Organisational Redesign	-4.213					-4.213
New Pressures	Other	Risk Assumption to be allocated				8.202	7.480	15.682
Total			-0.379	7.208	6.910	15.112	14.390	43.241

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High priority capital schemes to which funding is proposed to be allocated

Prioritisation criteria	OCC Contribution (estimates subject to business case)
Schemes that facilitate compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health & safety, schools, and delivery of business-critical services	£6.303m
Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies	NA
Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings	£5.600m
Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve Oxfordshire towns	£9.150m
Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions	£1.032m
Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions, but require additional funding to progress	£2.000m
Total	£24.085m

Compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health and safety, schools and delivery of business-critical services

Scheme	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
Woodeaton School	£2.600m	NA	Countrywide SEN funding, capital receipt and S106 developer contributions	The proposed investment, which is in addition to other funding, will fund the relocation of Woodeaton Manor Special School into a modern, purpose-built facility, providing improved learning environments and enhanced accessibility to better support pupils' educational and wellbeing needs.
Works to Fire Crew Housing	£0.250m	NA	NA	This fund will ensure timely implementation of any remedial works identified through health and safety audits.
Ash Die Back	£0.018m	NA	NA	This investment will enable a proactive approach to managing Ash Dieback and will ensure that lost trees are replaced. An increase in prevalence of the disease has been observed across Oxfordshire with trees showing significant decline. This investment will ensure continued growth in the number of highway trees, as the programme to assess and respond to infected trees is initiated.
HWRC Capital Site Maintenance	£0.075m	NA	NA	The Council plans to carry out essential repair and maintenance works across several Household Waste and Recycling Centre sites over the next two years. These improvements will ensure the facilities remain safe, functional, and fit for purpose for both Oxfordshire residents and the site operatives who manage day-to-day operations.

IT Strategy	£3.110m	£1.930m	NA	This 2-year investment will harness innovative, scalable and secure technologies that enable Oxfordshire County Council to lead digital transformation, improve operational efficiency, and deliver greater value to residents and stakeholders.
Expansion of Museum Resource Centre	£0.250m	NA	NA	This investment will ensure that essential remedial works can take place at St Luke's to ensure the integrity of Council records are maintained ahead of a larger programme of work to review the Council's approach to Heritage
New Bicester Household Waste and Recycling Centre	NA	£1.000m	S106 Developer Contributions & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fund	The project will deliver a modern Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Bicester, replacing Ardley Fields, to improve access, increase capacity, and support sustainable waste management for the growing community.
Total	£6.303m			

Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies

Scheme	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
New Warehouse Premises for Civil Enforcement	NA	NA	Service capital contribution £0.500m	The Parking Enforcement team is currently based in a leased facility, where the agreement is approaching its expiration. Alternative accommodation has been found but requires some capital works to ensure the building is fit for purpose. This investment will enable some refurbishment work to take place to ensure it meets the needs of the team and will also deliver some cost savings to the Council.
Total	£0m			

Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings

Scheme	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) Pilot Interventions	£1.600m	NA	NA	This programme will deliver targeted improvements based on the findings of the 2024/25 High Goods Vehicle (HGV) studies, aiming to enhance road safety, reduce congestion, and support sustainable freight movement across Oxfordshire.
Investment into Drainage Infrastructure	£4.000m	NA	NA	This investment will deliver highway drainage system repairs to ensure that the increased gully emptying regime delivers the expected benefits. The new gully emptying programme has identified a number of new issues that were not previously known.
Total	£5.600m			

Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve Oxfordshire towns

Scheme	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
Public Rights of Way (Bridges)	£0.350m	£0.250m	NA	The Rights of Way Bridges Capital Programme ensures Oxfordshire's 2,970 footpath bridges are maintained, refurbished, or replaced to meet safety standards and accessibility principles. This investment ensures continuity of work to keep the network connected, safe, and fit for purpose. It will also ensure that there is the flexibility to respond to urgent repairs and unforeseen events.
Oxford City Centre Regeneration	£1.500m	£0.870m	£0.050m contribution from Central Oxfordshire Movement and Place Framework (COMPF)	Regeneration and public realm improvements in Oxford city centre will benefit both businesses, residents and visitors, creating vibrant streets and beautiful spaces that reflect Oxford's international reputation for quality and excellence, supporting the thriving local retail and hospitality enterprises.
Public Realm Improvements	£1.500m	NA	NA	This additional funding will enable a greater level of maintenance to take place in our Towns and City targeted at public realm assets which will sustain and strengthen their appeal as vibrant destinations for local communities, visitors, and inward investment
Quiet Lanes Programme	£0.250m	NA	NA	Quiet Lanes are part of the Council's Active Travel programme ambition. The intention is to make minor roads safer and more comfortable for walking, cycling and horse-riding. This initiative seeks to enhance local and county-wide connectivity for non-motorised users and promote sustainable travel options.

Wantage Market Place	£0.150m	£0.500m	Expected CIL contribution of £0.850m	This investment will progress design and construction for Phase 1 of the Wantage Market Place project. The scheme will create a safe, traffic-free space with step-free access and improve the public realm. The project will enhance the local environment, support businesses, and provide an attractive setting for markets, events, and community activity.
Watlington Relief Road	£3.000m	£11.100m	Combined S106 funds and Growth Deal funds totalling £8.201m	An additional £3m is required for the Watlington Relief Road scheme to cover increased costs due to design changes required to support requests through the planning permission process. The risk and contingency allowance have also been increased due to the scheme's complexity and challenges.
Didcot Central Corridor	£0.200m	£0.850m	NA	This investment will progress and develop schemes identified in the Didcot Central Corridor. The scheme will deliver transport and public realm improvements to create a more accessible environment (through walking, wheeling and cycling opportunities), supporting a more attractive central space for markets, events, local businesses and community activity.
Abbey Meadows Bridge	£0.500m	NA	£0.500m CIL funding & District Council funding	Additional investment is required due to increased budget forecast following initial design and cost estimates for the replacement of this key bridge.
Investment to deliver Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)	£1.700m	NA	NA	The investment will deliver schemes identified through the LCWIP recommendations.
Total	£9.150m			

Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions

	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
Expansion of Bicester CSS	NA	NA	£0.305m Section 106 Developer Contributions	This investment will deliver an extension and internal refurbishment works to expand capacity and enhance the functionality of Bicester Community Support Service. This will improve service delivery, accessibility, and overall user experience for the local community.
Works to Goring Library	NA	NA	£0.750m CIL contributions	Improvement works to Goring Library will enable the service to expand its offering and better meet the needs of the local community. The project will deliver a more flexible and accessible space, supporting a wider range of activities and resources. This will promote learning, engagement and inclusion, providing a modern library experience for all users.
Works to Wantage Library	NA	NA	£0.360m S106 Developer Contribution / CIL funding	The investment in Wantage Library will create a flexible, accessible space that supports a wider range of activities and resources. The improvements aim to enhance facilities and capacity, promoting learning, engagement, and inclusion while delivering a modern library experience for all users.
Additional Community Facilities in Libraries	£0.220m	NA	NA	This fund will support investment into a number of libraries enabling improved community facilities and spaces, including meeting rooms, small pods, charging spaces and study spaces. These interventions will support greater community engagement, cultural activities and access to services across the County.
Expansion of Didcot Library	£0.550m	NA	£1.700m S106 Developer Contributions £0.750m CIL funding	Investment into Didcot Library will deliver expanded capacity and will improve facilities. This will create a more accessible, modern space that supports a wider range of services and community needs.

Works to The Forum, Kidlington	£0.150m	NA	NA	This project will deliver agile workspaces for Oxfordshire County Council Children's Services colleagues at the Forum, Kidlington. It will also provide welcoming facilities for families and children visiting social services.
Oxfordshire Tree Project	£0.112m	NA	NA	This investment will establish a sustainable tree propagation unit in central Oxfordshire to supply locally grown trees for public projects that deliver public good with the aim of becoming a hub for community-led satellite nurseries across the County. This initiative will deliver environmental, societal and educational benefits, whilst supporting long-term sustainability. It will also support the Council to replenish trees lost to Ash Dieback by utilising locally grown stock, thereby delivering cost benefits by reducing external sourcing.
Total	£1.032m			

Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions, but require additional funding to progress

	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previous year allocations	Other funding sources	Description
Infrastructure Schemes	£2.000m	£4.000m	S106 developer contributions	This investment will aid the delivery of infrastructure schemes that are partly funded by S106 developer contributions but require further funding to progress.
Total	£2.000m			

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All Service Areas

New Charges

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27 (where available)	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Fire and Rescue Service	Primary Authority Agreement	Per hour	NB	£114.00	£114.00	£72,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Already a fee being charged in 2025/26. Added to 2026/27 fees & charges schedule to correct.
Fire and Rescue Service	Provision on witness statement (MG22) to other party (non-police) - 2 sides of A4	Per statement	NB	£200.00	£200.00	£1,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Additional time to prepare witness statement (MG22) to other party (non-police) - more than 2 sides of A4	Per hour	NB	£114.00	£114.00	£0.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings (NEW LINE)	Temporary vehicle crossing - annual renewal	NB	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£15,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings (NEW LINE)	Temporary vehicle crossing retrospective application	NB	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£10,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Micro - 1 - 4 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£150.00	£180.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and benchmarking activity
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Micro - 1 - 4 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£300.00	£360.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Small - 5 - 9 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£200.00	£240.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Small - 5 - 9 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£400.00	£480.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Medium - 11 - 29 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£800.00	£800.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Medium - 11 - 29 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£1,600.00	£1,920.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large - 30 - 40 cast & crew(Non Premium St)	SR	£1,700.00	£2,040.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large - 30 - 40 cast & crew(Premium St)	SR	£3,200.00	£3,840.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large Plus - 41+ cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£2,700.00	£3,240.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large Plus - 41+ cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£3,500.00	£4,200.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size

Highways	Hoarding Consents (NEW LINE)	Licence application + 1st week of licence. (On Bus Route)	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Replacement of monthly licence with a weekly charge - to encourage expeditious work. Fee allows for additional coordination as works on a bus route.
Highways	Hoarding Consents (NEW LINE)	Weekly Occupation - weeks confirmed during licence application (On Bus Route)	NB	£75.00	£75.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Costs benchmarked with other local authorities - for longer schemes should also increase revenue
Information Management	Audit / health check including formal documentation	Per half day	SR	£600.00	£720.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Existing 25/26 charge missing from schedule, now added in
Information Management	Information advice - QA	Per hour	SR	£160.00	£192.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Very competitive market rate for specialist service provided
Information Management	Information advice - DPO	Per hour	SR	£200.00	£240.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Very competitive market rate for specialist service provided
Legal Services	Capital Projects	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - was £115 - increase based on full recovery and realistic internal hourly rate
Legal Services	External - s.106 PPA	Hour	NB	£300.00	£300.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on old OUTS of £250, for 2026/27 increased to £275. This increase reflects the premium paid for an accelerated process.
Legal Services	External - Highways Agreements/Stopping up/Licences	Hour	NB	£275.00	£275.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on OUTS of £250
Legal Services	External Property - Notices	Hour	NB	£100.00	£100.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	External Property - Commercial Leases/Agreements/Variations	Hour	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	External Property - all other Commercial Work	Hour	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	External Contracts & Procurement - 3rd Parties	Hour	NB	£250.00	£250.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	Fire & Trading Standards	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on internal rate. Unlikely to recover full costs as not all work is charged
Legal Services	Academy Conversion (voluntary)	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Was ½ interly rate, revised based on benchmarking to reflect internal rate.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Team Leader (Day Rate)	SR	£883.00	£1,059.60	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Principal Officer/Technical Lead (Day Rate)	SR	£728.00	£873.60	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Planning Officer (Day Rate)	SR	£571.00	£685.20	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Assistant Planning Officer (Day Rate)	SR	£460.00	£552.00	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Money Management	Appointeeship Income	Appointeeship Management Charge	NB	£900.00	£900.00	£42,300.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Subsidising and benchmarking carried out against other local authorities
Museum Service	Private tours of the Museum Resource Centre, out of hours,	One hour tour (minimum number 10 people)	SR	£76.00	£91.20		Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	8 day pass - airport	NB	£15.00	£15.00		Discretionary	AFTER FREE BUS OFFER ENDS	New charge - airport parking.
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	15 day pass - airport	NB	£30.00	£30.00		Discretionary	AFTER FREE BUS OFFER ENDS	New charge - airport parking.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum) (NEW LINE)	Traders permit per day	NB	£20.00	£20.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Provide additional flexibility
Waste Management	Non-Oxfordshire Householders fee to use a HWRC	Cost per single visit	SR	£12.50	£15.00	£3,000.00	Discretionary	14/01/2026	This is a new charge being implemented as part of the wider changes to the Waste Acceptance Policy.
Waste Management	Asbestos - maximum of four sheets in any one visit	Charge per 1 x 1 metre sheet	SR	£4.58	£5.50	£1,800.00	Discretionary	14/01/2026	This is a new charge being implemented as part of the wider changes to the Waste Acceptance Policy

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Adult Services

Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Annual Management Fee Yr 1	NB	£982.00	£982.00	£982.00	£982.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Category 3 Property Management	NB	£380.00	£380.00	£380.00	£380.00	0%	01/04/2026	Reduction due to new guidance regarding charging policy from May 2025
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Category 4 Annual report	NB	£274.00	£274.00	£274.00	£274.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Deputy for Health & Welfare	NB	£703.00	£703.00	£703.00	£703.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Preparation of basic HMRC income tax return	NB	£89.00	£89.00	£89.00	£89.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Section 12, Fixed cost direction of travel	NB	£51.00	£51.00	£51.00	£51.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Work up to court order date	NB	£944.00	£944.00	£944.00	£944.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Money Management	Court of Protection income	Year 2 & subsequent yrs	NB	£824.00	£824.00	£824.00	£824.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Other Adult Social Care Services are governed by the Care and Support Statutory Guidance issued under the Care Act 2014 and the Council's Adult Social Care Contributions Policy which is available on the Council's website through the link below:										
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Adult Services

Discretionary		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Daytime Support	1:1 Support (3 hour session)	3 hour Session	NB	£79.25	£79.25	£81.23	£81.23	2%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	1:3 Active Support (3 hour session)	3 hour Session	NB	£37.79	£37.79	£38.73	£38.73	2%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	1:6 Respite & prevention (3 hour session)	3 hour Session	NB	£25.60	£25.60	£26.24	£26.24	2%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	2:1 Support (3 hour session)	3 hour Session	NB	£141.06	£141.06	£144.59	£144.59	3%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Hire of Room (no equipment provided)	per hour	ZR	£24.99	£24.99	£25.61	£25.61	2%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Hire of Sensory Room	per hour	NB or SR	£4.20	£5.04	£4.31	£5.17	3%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Hourly cost of attendance outside of core hours	per hour	NB	£30.48	£30.48	£31.24	£31.24	2%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Lunchtime meal	per meal	SR	£2.86	£3.43	£3.52	£4.22	23%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Music, Art and Boom Groups	per session	NB or SR	£7.29	£8.75	£8.96	£10.76	23%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Service User Transport (single or return journey) where this is part of assessed need	Single or Return Journey	NB	£29.88	£29.88	£30.63	£30.63	3%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	SMILE	per session	NB or SR	£7.05	£8.45	£7.23	£8.68	3%	01/04/2026	
Daytime Support	Maximum charge per hour for work in relation to estates of deceased clients	per hour	SR	£115.00	£115.00	£115.00	£115.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Urgent Response and Telecare Service: telecare equipment and monitoring form a call centre.	URTS service - telecare level 1	Weekly	ZR or SR	£5.00	£6.00	5.00	£6.00	0%	01/04/2026	Contract to be reviewed in 6 months time
Urgent Response and Telecare Service: telecare equipment and monitoring form a call centre.	URTS service - telecare level 2	Weekly	ZR or SR	£11.95	£14.34				01/04/2026	Need to remove - no longer offer
Arrangement fees	Annual charge for arranging support for people who fund their own care	Annual	SR	£275.00	£330.00	286.00	£343.20	4%	01/04/2026	
Arrangement fees	Weekly charge for arranging support for people who fund their own care.	Weekly	SR	£5.14	£6.17	5.36	£6.43	4%	01/04/2026	
Arrangement fees	Set up costs in relation to a Universal Deferred Payment Agreement.	annual	SR	£1,000.00	£1,200.00	1,040.00	£1,248.00	4%	01/04/2026	
Arrangement fees	Administration costs in relation to a Universal Deferred Payment Agreement.	annual	SR	£300.00	£360.00	312.00	£374.40	4%	01/04/2026	
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New Charges

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Income	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27			
Money Management	Appointeeship Income	Appointeeship Management Charge	NB	£900.00	£900.00	£42,300.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Subsidising and benchmarking carried out against other local authorities
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Childrens Services

Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges					Comments	
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %		
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Assessment	Per Assessment	SR	£1,066.00	£1,279.20	£1,097.98	£1,317.58	3%	01/04/2026	Charging for all of the below interventions fluctuate due to adoptions which remain low in number in Oxfordshire and England
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Foundations for Attachment Group	Per Intervention	SR	£1,209.50	£1,451.40	£1,245.79	£1,494.94	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Non-Violent Resistance Group	Per Intervention	SR	£1,775.30	£2,130.36	£1,828.56	£2,194.27	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Nurturing Attachments Group	Per Intervention	SR	£2,066.40	£2,479.68	£2,128.39	£2,554.07	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Stories for Attachment Group	Per Intervention	SR	£828.20	£993.84	£853.05	£1,023.66	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Telephone Appointment	Per Half Hour	SR	£89.18	£107.01	£91.85	£110.22	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Therapy	per hour	SR	£177.33	£212.79	£182.64	£219.17	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	VIG	Per Intervention	SR	£1,773.25	£2,127.90	£1,826.45	£2,191.74	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Compassion focused therapy group	Per Intervention	SR	£1,775.30	£2,130.36	£1,828.56	£2,194.27	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - ATTACH	Additional Hours	per hour	SR	£177.33	£212.79	£182.64	£219.17	3%	01/04/2026	
Corporate Parenting - Riverside-Centre	Hire of Premises (cost of the building per day)	Per Day	ZR	£147.60	£147.60	retired				This service has ceased as of 31 October 2025 following consultation. Need to remove from 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
Corporate Parenting - Riverside-Centre	Minibus hire to OCC approved groups	Per Day	SR	£124.03	£148.83	retired				This service has ceased as of 31 October 2025 following consultation. Need to remove from 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
Corporate Parenting - Riverside-Centre	Minibus per mile after first 100 miles per day	Per mile	SR	£0.64	£0.64	retired				This service has ceased as of 31 October 2025 following consultation. Need to remove from 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
Corporate Parenting - Riverside-Centre	OC&KC Affiliation (use of changing and storage)	Per Year	ZR	£1,353.00	£1,353.00	retired				This service has ceased as of 31 October 2025 following consultation. Need to remove from 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
Corporate Parenting - Riverside-Centre	OC&KC Affiliation (use of equipment)	Per Year	SR	£281.88	£338.25	retired				This service has ceased as of 31 October 2025 following consultation. Need to remove from 2026/27 Fees & Charges.
Home to School Transport	Contributions To School Transport (Spare Seat Scheme) (Per annum)	Over 3 Miles Pre and Post-16 Students	ZR	1041.32	1041.32	£1,072.56	£1,072.56	3%	01/09/2026	We are proposing a 3% increase for 26/27
Home to School Transport	Contributions To School Transport (Spare Seat Scheme) (Per annum)	Under 3 Miles Pre and Post-16 Students	ZR	559.65	559.65	£576.44	£576.44	3%	01/09/2026	We are proposing a 3% increase for 26/27
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Group Manager / Operational Manager	SR	£943.00	£1,131.60	£985.00	£1,182.00	4%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Team Leader	SR	£845.00	£1,014.00	£883.00	£1,059.60	4%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Principal Officer / Technical Lead	SR	£696.00	£835.20	£728.00	£873.60	5%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Officer	SR	£546.00	£655.20	£571.00	£685.20	5%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Assistant	SR	£440.00	£528.00	£460.00	£552.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,906.00	£2,287.20	£1,992.00	£2,390.40	5%	01/04/2026	
Education Staff	Charging for work of officers in Education service for bespoke agreements	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£951.00	£1,141.20	£994.00	£1,192.80	5%	01/04/2026	

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Childrens Services

Music Annex

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Music Annex	Charges to Schools	Curriculum (per hour)	EX	£70.00	£70.00	£72.00	£72.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Charges to Schools	First Access (60 or 45 minutes)	EX	£1,600.00	£1,600.00	£1,650.00	£1,650.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Ensembles	Ensemble 1 hr	EX	£55.00	£55.00	£56.50	£56.50	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Ensembles	Ensemble 1.5	EX	£82.00	£82.00	£84.50	£84.50	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Ensembles	Ensemble 2 hrs	EX	£110.00	£110.00	£113.00	£113.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Ensembles	2.5hr ensemble	EX	£137.00	£137.00	£141.00	£141.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Ensembles	3.5hr ensemble	EX	£152.00	£152.00	£156.00	£156.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Group Tuition	Group of 2 (20 minutes)	EX	£12.00	£12.00	£12.40	£12.40	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Group Tuition	Group of 3 or more (variables of 20 minutes)	EX	£7.00	£7.00	£7.20	£7.20	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Hire of Instruments (All other instruments on offer)	EX	£55.00	£55.00	£56.50	£56.50	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Hire of Instruments (Violin, Viola and Guitars only)	EX	£33.00	£33.00	£34.00	£34.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Instrument Purchase Charge	EX	£50.00	£50.00	£52.00	£52.00	4%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Oxfordshire Folk Ensemble		£17.50	£17.50	£18.00	£18.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Oxfordshire intermediate orchestra - 6 sessions (per session charge)	EX	£29.00	£29.00	£30.00	£30.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Hire	Oxfordshire Youth Music Theatre	EX	£500.00	£500.00	£515.00	£515.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Individual Tuition	Individual 40 minutes	EX	£40.00	£40.00	£41.00	£41.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Individual Tuition	Individual 20 minutes - Multiples of 20 minutes only	EX	£20.00	£20.00	£20.50	£20.50	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Music Annex	Individual Tuition	Individual 60 minutes	EX	£60.00	£60.00	£62.00	£62.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.

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Economy and Place

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Planning Regulation	Charging for Monitoring of Minerals Sites	Active Sites	NB	£504.00	£504.00	£504.00	£504.00	0%	01/04/2026	Statutory fee which cannot be changed
Planning Regulation	Charging for Monitoring of Minerals Sites	Dormant Sites	NB	£168.00	£168.00	£168.00	£168.00	0%	01/04/2026	Statutory fee which cannot be changed
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing the development control service	Clearance of conditions on planning permissions	NB	£298.00	£298.00	£298.00	£298.00	0%	01/04/2026	Statutory fee which cannot be changed (but only when revised national fee is agreed)

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Discretionary		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Provision of Pre-Submission advice service to Section 38 and 278 agreements.	Each written response following up additional meeting/site visit	NB	£301.00	£301.00	£317.00	£317.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Provision of Pre-Submission advice service to Section 38 and 278 agreements.	Follow up 1 hour meeting	NB	£301.00	£301.00	£317.00	£317.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Provision of Pre-Submission advice service to Section 38 and 278 agreements.	Follow up site meeting	NB	£603.00	£603.00	£636.00	£636.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Provision of Pre-Submission advice service to Section 38 and 278 agreements.	Development proposal up to highway scheme value up to £500k 2 hour Meeting/scheme review/short report	NB	£4,230.00	£4,230.00	£4,463.00	£4,463.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Provision of Pre-Submission advice service to Section 38 and 278 agreements.	Development proposal up to highway scheme value greater than £500k 2 hour Meeting/scheme review/short report	NB	£6,044.00	£6,044.00	£6,376.00	£6,376.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	To recover costs associated with providing additional meetings/site visits/written reports over and above standard Pre-application charges for Highway Advice.	Follow up meeting	SR	£251.00	£301.00	£265.00	£318.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	To recover costs associated with providing additional meetings/site visits/written reports over and above standard Pre-application charges for Highway Advice.	Follow up site meeting	SR	£502.00	£602.00	£530.00	£636.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	To recover costs associated with providing additional meetings/site visits/written reports over and above standard Pre-application charges for Highway Advice.	Written response additional to follow up meeting/site meeting	SR	£251.00	£301.00	£265.00	£318.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	< 10 dwellings	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£314.00	£377.00	£331.00	£397.20	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	10-24 Dwellings:	Additional Written Response	SR	£377.00	£452.00	£398.00	£477.60	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	10-24 Dwellings:	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£601.00	£722.00	£634.00	£760.80	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	25-49 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£623.00	£748.00	£657.00	£788.40	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	25-49 Dwellings	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£928.00	£1,114.00	£979.00	£1,174.80	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	50-99 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£1,233.00	£1,480.00	£1,301.00	£1,561.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	50-99 Dwellings	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£1,857.00	£2,228.00	£1,959.00	£2,350.80	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	100-199 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£2,162.00	£2,594.00	£2,281.00	£2,737.20	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	100-199 Dwellings	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£2,772.00	£3,326.00	£2,924.00	£3,508.80	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m2-4, 999m2 B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m2 A1 (Retail) Use	Additional Written Response	SR	£3,077.00	£3,692.00	£3,246.00	£3,895.20	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m2-4, 999m2 B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m2 A1 (Retail) Use	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£3,699.00	£4,439.00	£3,902.00	£4,682.40	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	400 or more Dwellings or 5,000m2 or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m2 or more A1 (Retail) Use	Additional Written Response	SR	£4,314.00	£5,177.00	£4,551.00	£5,461.20	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	401 or more Dwellings or 5,000m2 or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m2 or more A1 (Retail) Use	Meeting/Site Visit + Additional Written Response	SR	£5,233.00	£6,280.00	£5,521.00	£6,625.20	6%	01/04/2026	

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				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %		
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Group Manager/Operational Manager (day rate)	SR	£934.00	£1,120.00	£985.00	£1,182.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Team Leader (day rate)	SR	£837.00	£1,004.00	£883.00	£1,059.60	5%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Principal Officer/Technical Lead (day rate)	SR	£690.00	£828.00	£728.00	£873.60	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Officer (day rate)	SR	£541.00	£649.00	£571.00	£685.20	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Assistant (day rate)	SR	£436.00	£523.00	£460.00	£552.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,888.00	£2,266.00	£1,992.00	£2,390.40	6%	01/04/2026	
Pre-Application Charges for Highways Advice	Charging for work of officers in Economy and Place for Highways Advice, other than specific highways preapplication fees	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£942.00	£1,130.00	£994.00	£1,192.80	6%	01/04/2026	
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Up to £10,000	NB	£158.00	£158.00	£167.00	£167.00	6%	01/04/2026	
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£10,001 - £25,000	NB	£390.00	£390.00	£411.00	£411.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£25,001 - £50,000	NB	£765.00	£765.00	£807.00	£807.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£50,001 - £150,000	NB	£2,310.00	£2,310.00	£2,437.00	£2,437.00	5%	01/04/2026	

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Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£150,001 - £500,000	NB	£5,680.00	£5,680.00	£5,992.00	£5,992.00	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£500,001-£1,000,000	NB	£7,675.00	£7,675.00	£8,097.00	£8,097.00	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	£1,000,001 - £2,000,000	NB	£0.01	£0.01	£0.01	£0.01	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Charging administration fee for managing & monitoring S.106 agreements relating to planning permissions. A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Over £2,000,000	NB	£20000 + 1% of any contribution in excess of £2,000,000	£20000 + 1% of any contribution in excess of £2,000,000	£20,000 + 0.1% of any contribution in excess of £20001	£20,000 + 0.1% of any contribution in excess of £20001		01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Request for confirmation as to whether all S106 obligations have been satisfied up to the date of the request A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Per agreement	SR	£140.00	£168.00	£148.00	£177.60	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Request for a copy of S106 agreement/Deed of Variation/Unilateral Undertaking A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Per copy	SR	£48.33	£58.00	£51.00	£61.20	6%	01/04/2026

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Planning Regulation	Request for a statement of account (where this is not required by the S106 agreement/DOV) A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Per statement	NB	£168.00	£168.00	£177.00	£177.00	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Failure to notify when a S106 obligation trigger point is met A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Per trigger point met if identified through monitoring activity	NB	£525.00	£525.00	£554.00	£554.00	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Failure to provide a return, as required under the terms of the S106 agreement A Tier 3 or Tier 4 Manager within the service has the discretion to vary the charge in exceptional circumstances to reflect full cost recovery.	Per return	NB	£525.00	£525.00	£554.00	£554.00	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Cover Administration and Supervision Costs for S.38 & S.278 agreements relating to new developments	Minimum Charge	NB	£2,717.00	£2,717.00	£2,866.00	£2,866.00	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	Cover Administration and Supervision Costs for S.38 & S.278 agreements relating to new developments	Percentage of Capital cost	NB	£0.10	£0.10	£0.10	£0.10	0%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of deciding on minerals and waste development control application & County Council's own developments.	Extended Searches	SR	£115.00	£137.00	£121.00	£145.20	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of deciding on minerals and waste development control application & County Council's own developments.	Standard Searches	SR	£68.00	£82.00	£72.00	£86.40	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Minor Developments	Meeting on-site and follow-up written response	SR	£887.00	£1,065.00	£936.00	£1,123.20	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Minor Developments	Meeting at Council offices and follow-up written response	SR	£591.00	£710.00	£624.00	£748.80	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Minor Developments	Written response	SR	£414.00	£497.00	£437.00	£524.40	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Minor Developments	Follow Up meeting	SR	£296.00	£355.00	£312.00	£374.40	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Major Developments	Meeting on-site and follow-up written response	SR	£1,774.00	£2,129.00	£1,872.00	£2,246.40	6%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Major Developments	Meeting at Council offices and follow-up written response	SR	£1,183.00	£1,419.00	£1,248.00	£1,497.60	5%	01/04/2026
Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Major Developments	Written response	SR	£887.00	£1,065.00	£936.00	£1,123.20	6%	01/04/2026

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Planning Regulation	To contribute to cost of providing pre-application advice to applicants/developers - Major Developments	Follow Up meeting	SR	£296.00	£355.00	£312.00	£374.40	5%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Group Manager / Operational Manager	SR	£934.00	£1,120.00	£985.00	£1,182.00	5%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Team Leader	SR	£837.00	£1,004.00	£883.00	£1,059.60	5%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Principal Officer / Technical Lead	SR	£690.00	£828.00	£728.00	£873.60	6%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Officer	SR	£541.00	£649.00	£571.00	£685.20	6%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Assistant	SR	£436.00	£523.00	£460.00	£552.00	6%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,888.00	£2,266.00	£1,992.00	£2,390.40	6%	01/04/2026
Innovation Service	Charging for work of officers in Innovation and research projects for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice regarding innovation	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£942.00	£1,130.00	£994.00	£1,192.80	6%	01/04/2026
Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Group Manager / Operational Manager	SR	£934.00	£1,120.00	£985.00	£1,182.00	5%	01/04/2026
Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Principal Officer / Technical Lead	SR	£690.00	£828.00	£728.00	£873.60	6%	01/04/2026
Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Officer	SR	£541.00	£649.00	£571.00	£685.20	6%	01/04/2026
Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Assistant	SR	£436.00	£523.00	£460.00	£552.00	6%	01/04/2026

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Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,888.00	£2,266.00	£1,992.00	£2,390.40	6%	01/04/2026
Climate Service	Charging for work of officers in climate and energy business units for bespoke agreements and providing pre-application advice	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£942.00	£1,130.00	£994.00	£1,192.80	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority <10 dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) PRE-APP <10 dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£498.00	£598.00	£525.00	£630.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority <10 dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP <10 dwellings	Virtual meeting + additional written response -	SR	£622.00	£747.00	£656.00	£787.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority <10 dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP <10 dwellings	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response -	SR	£953.00	£1,144.00	£1,005.00	£1,206.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 10-24 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 10-24 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£498.00	£598.00	£525.00	£630.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 10-24 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 10-24 Dwellings	Virtual meeting + additional written response	SR	£622.00	£747.00	£656.00	£787.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 10-24 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 10-24 Dwellings	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response	SR	£953.00	£1,144.00	£1,005.00	£1,206.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 25-49 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 25-49 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£622.00	£747.00	£656.00	£787.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 25-49 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 25-49 Dwellings	Virtual meeting + additional written response	SR	£871.00	£1,046.00	£919.00	£1,103.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 25-49 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 25-49 Dwellings	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response -	SR	£1,078.00	£1,294.00	£1,137.00	£1,365.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 50-99 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 50-99 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£996.00	£1,196.00	£1,051.00	£1,261.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 50-99 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 50-99 Dwellings	Virtual meeting + additional written response -	SR	£1,245.00	£1,494.00	£1,313.00	£1,576.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 50-99 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 50-99 Dwellings	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response -	SR	£1,451.00	£1,742.00	£1,531.00	£1,837.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 100-199 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 100-199 Dwellings	Additional Written Response	SR	£996.00	£1,196.00	£1,051.00	£1,262.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 100-199 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 100-199 Dwellings	Virtual meeting + additional written response -	SR	£1,245.00	£1,494.00	£1,313.00	£1,595.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 100-199 Dwellings	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 100-199 Dwellings	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response	SR	£1,451.00	£1,742.00	£1,531.00	£1,826.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Additional Written Response	SR	£1,992.00	£2,390.00	£2,102.00	£2,522.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Virtual meeting + additional written response -	SR	£2,366.00	£2,839.00	£2,496.00	£2,995.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 200-399 Dwellings or 1,000m ² -4, 999m ² B1-B8 (Business) or 1,000-3,499m ² A1 (Retail) Use	Site Visit/In person meeting + additional response -	SR	£2,572.00	£3,086.00	£2,713.00	£3,256.00	5%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority 400 or more Dwellings or 5,000m ² or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m ² or more A1 (Retail) Use	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 400 or more Dwellings or 5,000m ² or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m ² or more A1 (Retail) Use	Additional Written Response	SR	£2,241.00	£2,689.00	£2,364.00	£2,837.00	5%	01/04/2026

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				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 400 or more Dwellings or 5,000m ² or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m ² or more A1 (Retail) Use	Virtual meeting + additional written response	SR	£2,615.00	£3,138.00	£2,759.00	£3,311.00	6%	01/04/2026
Pre-Application Charges for Lead Local Flood Authority	Local Lead Flood Authority PRE-APP 400 or more Dwellings or 5,000m ² or more B1-B8 (Business) or 3,500m ² or more A1 (Retail) Use	Site Visit/in person meeting + additional response	SR	£2,821.00	£3,385.00	£2,976.00	£3,571.00	5%	01/04/2026
Travel Plans	Charging for monitoring of Travel Plan Guidance. Overall fee for the monitoring of the travel plan for a period of 5 years post occupation	Small developments (as defined in OCC travel plan document)	NB	£2,035.00	£2,035.00	£2,085.00	£2,085.00	2.5%	01/04/2026 2.5% uplift - suggested inflation rate for staff time
Travel Plans	Charging for monitoring of Travel Plan Guidance. Overall fee for the monitoring of the travel plan for a period of 5 years post occupation	Large developments (as defined in OCC travel plan document)	NB	£3,347.00	£3,347.00	£3,430.00	£3,430.00	2.5%	01/04/2026 2.5% uplift - suggested inflation rate for staff time

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Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Team Leader (Day Rate)	SR	£883.00	£1,059.60	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Principal Officer/Technical Lead (Day Rate)	SR	£728.00	£873.60	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Planning Officer (Day Rate)	SR	£571.00	£685.20	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.
Minerals and Waste Planning Policy and Strategy	Charging for work of officers in the Minerals and Waste Policy and Strategy Team for bespoke agreements and providing pre application advice	Assistant Planning Officer (Day Rate)	SR	£460.00	£552.00	Not known	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Standard charge across Childrens, E&P, iHUB, Property, E&H.

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Commons Registration Authority Charges	Corrective applications additional inquiry stage para 6	Per application	NB	£4,262.00	£4,262.00	£4,370.00	£4,370.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Corrective applications additional inquiry stage para 7	Per application	NB	£3,512.00	£3,512.00	£3,600.00	£3,600.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Corrective applications additional inquiry stage para 8	Per application	NB	£4,116.00	£4,116.00	£4,220.00	£4,220.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Corrective applications additional inquiry stage para 9	Per application	NB	£4,234.00	£4,234.00	£4,400.00	£4,400.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Corrective applications under Commons Act 2006 Schedule 2 (standard, no inquiry)	Per application	NB	£1,364.00	£1,364.00	£1,400.00	£1,400.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Supply of Highway (rights of way) related information	Written response to extensive enquiry	NB	£91.40	£91.40	£93.70	£93.70	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Supply of Highway (rights of way) related information	Written response to standard enquiry	NB	£68.00	£68.00	£69.70	£69.70	3%	01/04/2026		
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Landowner Deposits: Highways Act 1980 section 31(6)	Receipt and processing of deposited map and statement OR declaration for a single parcel (of any size)	NB	£345.00	£345.00	£354.00	£354.00	3%	01/04/2026	Demand driven	
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Landowner Deposits: Highways Act 1980 section 31(6)	Additional fee for each additional unconnected land parcel	NB	£23.80	£23.80	£24.40	£24.40	3%	01/04/2026	Demand driven	
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Landowner Deposits: Highways Act 1980 section 31(6)	Receipt and processing of declaration that follows an initial deposited map and statement if made within 60 days of the Council's acceptance of initial deposit.	NB	£59.50	£59.50	£61.00	£61.00	3%	01/04/2026	Demand driven	
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Landowner Deposits: Commons Act 2006 s15(a)(1) Landowner Statement (or combined s31(6) and s15(a)(i) deposit)	Receipt and processing of deposited map and statement OR declaration for a single parcel (of any size)	NB	£415.00	£415.00	£425.40	£425.40	3%	01/04/2026	Demand driven	
Commons Registration Authority Charges	Landowner Deposits: Commons Act 2006 s15(a)(1) Landowner Statement (or combined s31(6) and s15(a)(i) deposit)	Additional fee for each additional unconnected land parcel	NB	£30.25	£30.25	£31.00	£31.00	3%	01/04/2026	Demand driven	
Definitive Map and Commons	As made, the Local Authorities (Recovery of Costs for Public Path Orders) Regulations 1993 http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/Data/abinet%20Member%20-Technical%20Services%20(meeting)/20051109/Agenda/Item%2005.pdf Recovery of costs under DoE Circular 11/1996	Orders confirmed unopposed	NB	£4,382.00	£4,382.00	£4,492.00	£4,492.00	3%	01/04/2026		
Definitive Map and Commons	As made, the Local Authorities (Recovery of Costs for Public Path Orders) Regulations 1993 http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/Data/abinet%20Member%20-Technical%20Services%20(meeting)/20051109/Agenda/Item%2005.pdf Recovery of costs under DoE Circular 11/1997	Orders confirmed - objections withdrawn OR Orders opposed - not proceeded with	NB	£4,980.00	£4,980.00	£5,105.00	£5,105.00	3%	01/04/2026		

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Definitive Map and Commons	As made, the Local Authorities (Recovery of Costs for Public Path Orders) Regulations 1993 http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/Data/Content%20Member%20-Technical%20Services%20(meeting)/20051109/Agenda/Item%2005.pdf Recovery of costs under DoE Circular 11/1998	Orders opposed - submitted to SoS	NB	£6,320.00	£6,320.00	£6,478.00	£6,478.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement	Bus Lane Camera Enforcement	Fines paid after 14 & up to 28 days	NB	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement		Fines paid within 14 days	NB	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement		Penalty Charge Notices - higher contraventions	NB	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	£70.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement		Fines paid within 14 days	NB	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement		Penalty Charge Notices - lower contraventions	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Excess Charges/ Penalty Notices/ Enforcement		Fines paid within 14 days	NB	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Highways	Highways Act 1980 Enforcement - S154	Gang attendance	SR	Cost +20%	Cost +20%	Cost +20%	Cost +20%		01/04/2026	
Highways	Commuted fee for licence of private apparatus in the highway, including the admin cost of maintaining the licence record (S50)		NB	£1,400 inspection fee (including the first 200m) and then £300 for every additional 200m of part thereof.	£1,400 inspection fee (including the first 200m) and then £300 for every additional 200m of part thereof.	£1,500 inspection fee (including the first 200m) and then £330 for every additional 200m of part thereof.	£1,500 inspection fee (including the first 200m) and then £330 for every additional 200m of part thereof.		01/04/2026	
Highways	Fixed Penalty Notice income from statutory undertakers for non-compliance with Sections 54, 55, 57, 70, 74 of the New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA)	Per Notice	NB	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Highways		Discounted Rate	NB	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Highways	Reinstatement of Trenches - Site Supervision by Highways Inspectors (Fixed charge under NRSWA)	Standard Charge for Defect Inspections set by Statutory Regulation.	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Highways		Standard Charge for Sample Inspections set by Statutory Regulation.	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	01/04/2026	Currently set by legislation without ability to increase.
Environment & Heritage	Monitoring of biodiversity net gain compliance by Biodiversity Officer	Daily rate for Senior Biodiversity Officer undertaking report review and site visits for biodiversity net gain monitoring (for inclusion in the biodiversity monitoring calculator)	SR	£662.80	£795.36	£680.00	£816.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.
Environment & Heritage	Monitoring of biodiversity net gain compliance by Biodiversity Officer	Daily rate for Biodiversity Officer undertaking report review and site visits for biodiversity net gain monitoring (for inclusion in the biodiversity monitoring calculator)	SR	£520.04	£624.05	£533.33	£640.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation and rounded.

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Commons Registration Authority Charges	Common searches (new Con290 form due 14/15 or after)	Initial Search	SR	£45.50	£54.60	£46.64	£55.97	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Approving traffic Management plans and signage schedules	Per hour	NB	£110.00	£110.00	£115.00	£115.00	5%	01/04/2026	Rounded up with inflation & pay increases. These fees will not be applied unless part of the pre-permit advice discussed below.
Highways	Private access protection road markings	Per application	NB	£181.00	£181.00	£186.00	£186.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Directional Signage - New Developments	Agreement and authorisation/approval of sites and signs (per hour)	SR	£87.00	£104.40	£90.00	£108.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Directional Signage - New Developments	Design Services (per hour)	SR	£87.00	£104.40	£90.00	£108.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Directional Signage - New Developments	Installation Supervision (per hour)	SR	£87.00	£104.40	£90.00	£108.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Hoarding Consents	Initial Licence – one month occupation. Licence application + 1st week of licence. (Not on Bus Route)	NB			£190.00	£190.00		01/04/2026	Replacement of monthly licence with a weekly charge - to encourage expeditious work.
Highways	Hoarding Consents	Renewal – one month occupation. Weekly Occupation - weeks confirmed during licence application (Not on Bus Route)	NB			£65.00	£65.00		01/04/2026	Costs benchmarked with other local authorities - for longer schemes should also increase revenue
Highways	Hoarding Consents	Retrospective Licence	NB	£400.00	£400.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	150%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit.
Highways	Oversailing Consents - structures oversailing the highway	Licence	NB	£470.00	£470.00	£500.00	£500.00	6%	01/04/2026	Cost benchmarked with other local authorities
Highways	Oversailing Consents - structures oversailing the highway	Retrospective Licence	NB	£740.00	£740.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	35%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit.
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Residential Non-classified Roads	NB	£250.00	£250.00	£257.00	£257.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Residential Classified Roads	NB	£400.00	£400.00	£410.00	£410.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Multiple access and commercial use Non-classified Roads	NB	£680.00	£680.00	£697.00	£697.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Multiple access and commercial use Classified Roads	NB	£900.00	£900.00	£923.00	£923.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Temporary vehicle crossing to allow access to a new development in advance of formal S278 sign off	NB	£1,400.00	£1,400.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	257%	01/04/2026	Significant increase to reflect the work which is required to deliver activity. - Inc. roadspace bookings, inspections, inspections, follow up inspections. Costs not being covered at the moment.
Highways	Vehicle Crossings	Enforcement for non-compliance with vehicle crossing (non-applications, not to specification).	NB	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost		01/04/2026	
Highways	Design Work on Street Lighting for New Developments	1 - 5 Columns (Minimum Charge)	SR	£1,014.00	£1,216.80	£1,248.00	£1,497.60	23%	01/04/2026	Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Design Work on Street Lighting for New Developments	6 - 15 Columns (Minimum Charge)	SR	£1,419.00	£1,702.80	£1,746.00	£2,095.20	23%	01/04/2026	Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Design Work on Street Lighting for New Developments	16 - 25 Columns (Minimum Charge)	SR	£1,781.00	£2,137.20	£2,191.00	£2,629.20	23%	01/04/2026	Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Design Work on Street Lighting for New Developments	26 - 50 Columns (Minimum Charge)	SR	£2,131.00	£2,557.20	£2,622.00	£3,146.40	23%	01/04/2026	Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Design Work on Street Lighting for New Developments	Over 50 Columns (Minimum Charge)	SR	£2,838.00	£3,405.60	£3,491.00	£4,189.20	23%	01/04/2026	Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.

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Highways	Re-submission of Design Work on Street Lighting	1 - 25 columns	SR	£760.00	£912.00	£935.00	£1,122.00	23%	01/04/2026 Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Re-submission of Design Work on Street Lighting	Above 25 columns	SR	£1,034.00	£1,240.80	£1,272.00	£1,526.40	23%	01/04/2026 Uplift based on benchmarking against other local authorities and consultants.
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film	Advertising, maintenance of notices and exceptional staff time	SR	Charge per hour at cost	Charge per hour at cost	Charge per hour at cost	Charge per hour at cost		01/04/2026
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film	Small - 1 - 10 crew	SR	£120 to £410- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.	£144 to £492- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.				01/04/2026 See New Charges
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film	Medium - 11 - 29 crew	SR	£410 to £1620- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.	£492 to £1944- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.				01/04/2026 See New Charges
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film	Large - 30 - 40 crew	SR	£1620 to £2585- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.	£1944 to £3102- depending on the number of days and complexity of the project.				01/04/2026 See New Charges
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film	Large Plus - 41+ crew	SR	£2,585- minimum fee- (fees above this level are subject to negotiation)	£3102- minimum fee- (fees above this level are subject to negotiation)				01/04/2026 See New Charges
Highways	Oxfordshire Permit Scheme - Permit Fees	Permit fee for working on the highway network.	NB	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	0%	01/04/2026 Set by legislation - no scope to change
Highways	Oxford Lane Rental Scheme - Lane Rental Fees	Lane Rental fee for working on the highway	NB	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	Various as per scale of charges	0%	01/04/2026 Set by legislation - no scope to change
Highways	Oxfordshire Permit/Lane Rental Scheme	Per application - Works involving excavation	NB	£500.00	£500.00	£525.00	£525.00	5%	01/04/2026 Inflationary increase
Highways	Alterations to existing agreements to S278 road space bookings	Per modification	NB	£110.00	£110.00	£120.00	£120.00	9%	01/04/2026 Inflationary increase including pay rises. Rounded to whole number.
Highways	Alterations to existing agreements to S278 road space bookings	Retrospective Permit	NB	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	0%	01/04/2026 In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit. This will be waived if installed as part of an emergency.
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Experimental Traffic Regulation Order	Standard Experimental Traffic Regulation Order	NB	£4,235.00	£4,235.00	£4,750.00	£4,750.00		01/04/2026 Benchmarking activity suggests increase reasonable and justifiable.
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	Routine Temporary TRO	NB	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	£2,900.00	£2,900.00		01/04/2026
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	5 days Notice Emergency Notice	NB	£2,000.00	£2,000.00				01/04/2026
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	Routine Temporary TRO (Not on Bus Route)	NB	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	6%	Increase in line with inflation and rounded to whole number.

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Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	Routine Temporary TRO (On Bus Route)	NB	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	11%	01/04/2026	Increased cost if works on bus or active travel route to allow for extra inspection/ coordination
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	21 days Notice Emergency Notice (Not on bus route)	NB	£1,160.00	£1,160.00	£2,100.00	£2,100.00	81%	01/04/2026	Increase in line with inflation and rounded to whole number.
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	21 days Notice Emergency Notice (On Bus Route)	NB	£1,160.00	£1,160.00	£2,200.00	£2,200.00	90%	01/04/2026	Increased cost if works on bus or active travel route to allow for extra inspection/ coordination
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	5 days Notice Emergency Notice (Not on Bus Route)	NB	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,100.00	£2,100.00	5%	01/04/2026	Benchmarking to bring single charge for urgent and emergency notices
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	5 days Notice Emergency Notice (On Bus Route)	NB	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,100.00	£2,200.00	5%	01/04/2026	Benchmarking to bring single charge for urgent and emergency notices. Extra costs to allow for additional coordination and inspection
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	Special Events - basic order	NB	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	6%	01/04/2026	Increase in line with inflation and rounded to whole number.
Highways	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (Please note no refunds are available for cancelled TTROs)	Advertising, maintenance of notices and exceptional staff time.	NB	At cost	At cost	At cost	At cost		01/04/2026	At cost
Highways	Traffic Regulation Orders	Standard Traffic Regulation Order	NB	£4,224.00	£4,224.00	£4,750.00	£4,750.00	12%	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity suggests increase reasonable and justifiable.
Highways	Traffic Regulation Orders	Other consultation not requiring placing of a newspaper notice	NB	£2,180.00	£2,180.00	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase.
Highways	Traffic Regulation Orders	Other Consultation Requiring placing of a single newspaper notice and no input from legal team - includes pedestrian crossings; traffic calming schemes and incorporating road humps	NB	£2,425.00	£2,425.00	£2,675.00	£2,675.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase.
Highways	Traffic Regulation Orders	Parking permit exclusions requiring Traffic Regulation Order amendment arising from planning permission for a new development	NB	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,300.00	£3,300.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase.
Highways	Traffic Regulation Orders	Advertising, maintenance of notices and exceptional staff time	NB	At cost	At cost	At cost	At cost	0%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase.
Highways	Cranes	Licence (On a bus route)	NB	£600.00	£600.00	£630.00	£630.00	5%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase
Highways	Cranes	Licence (Not on bus route)	NB	£600.00	£600.00	£660.00	£660.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase + allowance for additional coordination/
Highways	Cranes	Retrospective Licence	NB	£750.00	£750.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	33%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit. This will be waived if installed as part of an emergency.
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Scaffolding Licences	Initial Licence – one month occupation	NB	£250.00	£250.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Scaffolding Licences	Renewal – one month occupation	NB	£250.00	£250.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Scaffolding Licences	Retrospective Licence	NB	£400.00	£400.00				01/04/2026	
Highways	Scaffolding Licences	Initial Licence + 1st week (Not on Bus Route)	NB			£180.00	£180.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge
Highways	Scaffolding Licences	Weekly Occupation - weeks confirmed during licence application (Not on Bus Route)	NB	£62.00	£62.00	£70.00	£70.00	13%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase
Highways	Scaffolding Licences	Initial Licence + 1st week (On Bus Route)	NB			£220.00	£220.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge. Inflationary increase + allowance for additional coordination
Highways	Scaffolding Licences	Weekly Occupation - weeks confirmed during licence application (On Bus Route)	NB			£80.00	£80.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge. Inflationary increase + allowance for additional coordination

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Highways	Scaffolding Licences	Retrospective Licence	NB	£400.00	£400.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	150%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit. This will be waived if installed as part of an emergency.
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Initial Licence 2 days occupation	NB	£210.00	£210.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Renewal 2 days occupation	NB	£210.00	£210.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Retrospective Licence	NB	£500.00	£500.00				01/04/2026	
Highways	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	License application + 1st 2 days of fees (Not on bus route)	NB	£210.00	£210.00	£230.00	£230.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase
Highways	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	License application + 1st 2 days of fees (On bus route)	NB	£210.00	£210.00	£240.00	£240.00	14%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase + allowance for additional coordination/
Highways	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Additional day (Not on bus route)	NB	£105.00	£105.00	£125.00	£125.00	19%	01/04/2026	To encourage minimal time on the highway
Highways	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Additional day (On a Bus Route)	NB	£105.00	£105.00	£150.00	£150.00	43%	01/04/2026	To encourage minimal time on the highway
Highways	Tower Scaffolding Licences/Cherry Picker / Small Lift	Retrospective Licence	NB	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	0%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit - discounted due to lesser impact
Highways	Highway Material Storage Licence	Enforcement for non-compliance / No consent for all licence fees that do not have existing prescribed enforcement fees. Change fee to "At cost"	NB	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost	At Cost		01/04/2026	At cost
Highways	Highway Material Storage Licence	Licence	NB	£190.00	£190.00	£200.00	£200.00	5%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase
Highways	Highway Material Storage Licence	Retrospective Licence	NB	£300.00	£300.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	233%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit - discounted due to lesser impact
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Skip Licence-	Late renewal (more than 5 working days to be classed as new application)	NB	£190.00	£190.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Skip Licence-	Licence 1 month duration	NB	£190.00	£190.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Skip Licence-	Licence Renewal	NB	£190.00	£190.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Skip Licence-	One day Licence	NB	£130.00	£130.00				01/04/2026	
Highways (LINE REMOVED)	Skip Licence-	Retrospective Licence	NB	£350.00	£350.00				01/04/2026	
Highways	Skip Licence	License application + 1st week of fees (Not on bus route)	NB			£125.00	£125.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge with set up cost to encourage minimal time on highway network
Highways	Skip Licence	Weekly licence cost (Not on Bus Route)	NB			£50.00	£50.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge with set up cost to encourage minimal time on highway network
Highways	Skip Licence	License application + 1st week of fees (On bus route)				£140.00	£140.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge with set up cost to encourage minimal time on highway network
Highways	Skip Licence	Weekly licence cost (On Bus Route)	NB			£55.00	£55.00		01/04/2026	Move to weekly charge with set up cost to encourage minimal time on highway network
Highways	Skip Licence	Retrospective Licence	NB	£350.00	£350.00	£500.00	£500.00	43%	01/04/2026	In line with FPN fine for operating on highway without a permit - discounted due to lesser impact
Highways	Bus stop suspensions	Per request	NB	£210.00	£210.00	£220.00	£220.00	5%	01/04/2026	Minimal change for this work
Highways	Removal of unauthorised signs	Signs over 0.5 sq. metre in area	NB	£334.00	£334.00	£343.00	£343.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Removal of unauthorised signs	Signs under 0.5 sq. metre in area	NB	£254.00	£254.00	£261.00	£261.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Tourism Signs	Assessing application and detailed site assessment	NB	£386.00	£386.00	£396.00	£396.00	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Tourism Signs	Design, manufacture & erection	SR	Cost +20%	Cost +20%	Cost +20%	Cost +20%		01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Tourism Signs	Maintenance & removal	SR	2/3 x (b) above	2/3 x (b) above	2/3 x (b) above	2/3 x (b) above		01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Provision of CCTV coverage for legal/judicial proceedings (excluding requests in relation to the prevention or prosecution of crime)	Per request	EX	£250.00	£250.00	£275.00	£275.00	10%	01/04/2026	Reflection of new data costs in temporary contract

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Highways	Supply of Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) Data to commercial organisations	Data from first ATC/year in request (this can contain between 1 and 52 weeks worth of flow data)	SR	£198.00	£237.60	£210.00	£252.00	6%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) Data to commercial organisations	Data from additional years (per year)	SR	£41.00	£49.20	£45.00	£54.00	10%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) Data to commercial organisations	Data from additional ATC in same request (first year)	SR	£108.00	£129.60	£115.00	£138.00	6%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) Data to commercial organisations	Collating Data from Multiple sites	SR	£71.00	£85.20	£75.00	£90.00	6%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Conveyancing 29 Highway Search Information		NB	£11,100.00	£11,100.00	£11,378.00	£11,378.00	3%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Highway related information, including Personal Search Fees	Con29 property search	SR	£67.00	£82.50	£68.87	£85.00	3%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Highway related information, including Personal Search Fees	Extensive highway boundary extent	SR	£158.00	£196.00	£162.00	£201.00	3%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Highway related information, including Personal Search Fees	Highway extent	SR	£67.00	£82.50	£68.87	£85.00	3%	01/04/2026	No change - business case dictates
Highways	Supply of Highway related information, including Personal Search Fees	Highway extent per additional question	SR	£16.25	£20.10	£16.66	£20.60	3%	01/04/2026	No change - business case dictates
Highways	Supply of Highway related information, including Personal Search Fees	Highway Extent research/survey	SR	£654.00	£804.00	£670.35	£825.00	3%	01/04/2026	£5 increase as per business case
Highways	Supply of Manual Traffic Survey Data (when a commercial request to purchase historical survey data is received)	Large Survey (e.g. OD survey, turning count with queues etc)	SR	£810.00	£972.00	£850.00	£1,020.00	5%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Manual Traffic Survey Data (when a commercial request to purchase historical survey data is received)	Medium Survey (e.g. turning count)	SR	£540.00	£648.00	£570.00	£684.00	6%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of Manual Traffic Survey Data (when a commercial request to purchase historical survey data is received)	Small Survey (e.g. link count)	SR	£345.00	£414.00	£370.00	£444.00	7%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
Highways	Supply of traffic collision data (planning matter or other professional purpose)	First location / date range	SR	£200.00	£240.00	£206.00	£247.20	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Supply of traffic collision data (planning matter or other professional purpose)	Search of records to establish if there is any relevant data	SR	£59.00	£70.80	£60.77	£72.92	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Supply of traffic collision data (planning matter or other professional purpose)	Second and each subsequent location / date range	SR	£114.00	£136.80	£117.42	£140.90	3%	01/04/2026	Uplifted to reflect inflation.
Highways	Section 50 works - EV charging gullies licence to install.	Per licence (Price to be confirmed)	EX	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	0%	01/04/2026	No change - business case dictates
Highways	Egully licence for the installation of a cross channel gulley in the footway.	Per licence	EX	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	0%	01/04/2026	No change - business case dictates
Highways	Monthly/Annual user subscription for training cables into Egullies. Monthly £10 per month and annual charge of £100	Per gulley	EX	£100.00	£100.00	£105.00	£105.00	5%	01/04/2026	£5 increase as per business case
Highways	Pre-Permit advice and support (Oxfordshire Permit Scheme) to developers and other non-utility third parties for development and traffic management purposes	Scheme duration up to 1 year	NB	£2,420.00	£2,420.00	£3,250.00	£3,250.00	34%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Pre-Permit advice and support (Oxfordshire Permit Scheme) to developers and other non-utility third parties for development and traffic management purposes	Scheme duration 12 months to 24 months	NB	£5,775.00	£5,775.00	£6,500.00	£6,500.00	13%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Pre-Permit advice and support (Oxfordshire Permit Scheme) to developers and other non-utility third parties for development and traffic management purposes	Scheme duration beyond 24 months	NB	£11,550.00	£11,550.00	£13,000.00	£13,000.00	13%	01/04/2026	
Highways	Supply of Manual Traffic Survey Data (commercial request to purchase historical survey data is received)	Collating Multiple Sets of Data	SR	£71.00	£85.20	£75.00	£90.00	6%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number

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Highways	Service Charge to Arrange Survey Through 3rd Party Survey Companies	Single Survey	SR	£72.00	£86.40	£75.00	£90.00	4%	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and rounded to sensible number
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Abingdon 8am-6pm (excl. Sundays, B Hols.) 1984 Act	1 hour	NB	£1.30	£1.30	£1.80	£1.80	38%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		2 hours (the maximum)	NB	£2.00	£2.00	£2.80	£2.80	40%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Henley 8am-6pm (excl. Sundays, B Hols.)	1 hour	NB	£1.30	£1.30	£1.80	£1.80	38%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		2 hours (the maximum)	NB	£2.00	£2.00	£2.60	£2.60	30%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Oxford City Centre - Central Area Zone 1	1 hour	NB	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		2 hours	NB	£15.20	£15.20	£15.20	£15.20	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		Saturday 1 hour	NB	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		Saturday 2 hours	NB	£15.20	£15.20	£15.20	£15.20	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		Saturday evenings	NB	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		Sunday - Friday evenings	NB	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	£7.60	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Oxford City Centre - Zone 2 (including Jericho)	1 hour	NB	£6.30	£6.30	£6.30	£6.30	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		3 hours	NB	£19.00	£19.00	£19.00	£19.00	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display		Evenings/Sundays	NB	£6.30	£6.30	£6.30	£6.30	0%	01/04/2026	No uplift
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Vehicle Removal Charge		NB	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	0%	01/04/2026	This is a set fee in a Thames Valley Police contract with the supplier.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Wallingford 8am-6pm (excl. Sundays, Bank holidays)	1.5 hours (the maximum)	NB	£0.80	£0.80	£1.00	£1.00	25%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking. Estimated income is subject to existing level of usage being maintained. This area will for the first year show a minus however in future years this will turn to a positive. The costs involved in changing tariffs are one off costs.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Woodstock Mon-Sun 8am to 6pm	1 hour	NB	£0.00	£0.00	£1.00	£1.00	100%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Woodstock Mon-Sun 8am to 6pm	2 hours	NB	£1.00	£1.00	£1.40	£1.40	40%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking. Estimated additional income is subject to existing level of usage being maintained.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Woodstock Mon-Sun 8am to 6pm	3 hours	NB	£2.00	£2.00	£2.80	£2.80	40%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking. Estimated additional income is subject to existing level of usage being maintained.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Woodstock Mon-Sun 8am to 6pm	4 hours (maximum)	NB	£5.00	£5.00	£7.00	£7.00	40%	01/04/2026	Increase to encourage move to off street parking. Estimated additional income is subject to existing level of usage being maintained.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Parking bay suspension (non Pay and Display) charge for the suspension of a parking bay	Cost is per bay for the first day and £18 per bay for each consecutive day	EX	£40.00	£40.00	£45.00	£45.00	13%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Parking bay suspension (non Pay and Display) charge for the suspension of a parking bay	Cost is per bay for the first day and £18 per bay for each consecutive day	EX	£40.00	£40.00	£45.00	£45.00	13%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.

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On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Suspension of Parking Bay - Pay and Display (Oxford City Centre - zones 1 and 2)	per bay charged at £60 for first day and £35 for each subsequent day + loss of income for each bay determined by average daily income level for the previous 12 months.	EX	£40.00	£40.00	£60.00	£60.00	50%	01/04/2026
On-Street Parking - Pay and Display	Design and implementation of new Controlled Parking Zones (excluding TRO) and amendments to existing TRO's to support new parking schemes in Oxfordshire.	20% of basic costs (excluding TRO costs).	SR	10% of basic costs (excluding TRO costs).	10% of basic costs (excluding TRO costs).	20% of basic costs (excluding TRO costs).	20% of basic costs (excluding TRO costs).		01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Up to 1 hr	NB	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	1-16 hours	NB	£2.50	£2.50	£2.50	£2.50	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	16-24 hours	NB	£4.50	£4.50	£5.00	£5.00	11%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	24-48 hrs	NB	£8.50	£8.50	£9.00	£9.00	6%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	48-72 hrs	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£13.00	£13.00	4%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Annual Season ticket	NB	£300.00	£300.00	£400.00	£400.00	33%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Excess Notices - Fines paid after 14 & up to 28 days	NB	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Excess Notices - Fines paid within 14 days	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Monthly Season ticket	NB	£30.00	£30.00	£40.00	£40.00	33%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	Quarterly Season Ticket	NB	£85.00	£85.00	£110.00	£110.00	29%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Combined Park & Bus Ticket	One car, one passenger	NB	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Combined Park & Bus Ticket	One car + 2 adults and up to 3 children	NB	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	0%	01/04/2026
Park and Ride	Combined Park & Bus	OCC income from joint ticket cost	NB	£1.20	£1.20	£1.20	£1.20	0%	01/04/2026
Vale of White Horse									
Parking Permits	Abingdon Residents Parking (per annum)	Parking permit	NB	£132.00	£132.00	£132.00	£132.00	0%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Shrivenham and Wantage	Parking permit		£110.00	£110.00	£115.00	£115.00	5%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Vales of White Horse Visitor Permits	Visitors permits - First 25 (subject to approval following consultation)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Vales of White Horse Visitor Permits	Visitors permits - 2nd 25 (total cost)	NB	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	0%	01/04/2026
South Oxfordshire									
Parking Permits	Henley, Whitchurch on Thames and Wallingford Residents Parking (per annum)	Parking permit	NB	£110.00	£110.00	£115.00	£115.00	5%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Wheatley	Parking permit	NB	£70.00	£70.00	£75.00	£80.00	7%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Thame	Parking permit	NB	£100.00	£100.00	£105.00	£110.00	5%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Didcot	Parking permit	NB	£80.00	£80.00	£85.00	£90.00	6%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	South Oxfordshire Visitor Permits	Visitors permits - First 25 (subject to approval following consultation)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026

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Parking Permits	South Oxfordshire Visitor Permits	Visitors permits - 2nd 25 (total cost)	NB	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	0%	01/04/2026	Digital move - improved operational efficiency and cost to serve. Low numbers of books sold, want to ensure county wide consistency.
Parking Permits	Oxfordshire Business and School Permits	Business and School Permits - 3 months	NB	£55.00	£55.00	£58.00	£58.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxfordshire Business and School Permits	Business and School Permits - 6 months	NB	£105.00	£105.00	£110.00	£110.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxfordshire Business and School Permits	Business and School Permits - 9 months	NB	£160.00	£160.00	£170.00	£170.00	6%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxfordshire Business and School Permits	Business and School permits - Annual	NB	£210.00	£210.00	£220.00	£220.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxfordshire Business and School Permits	Business Permits - Change of Vehicle	NB	£27.50	£27.50	£30.00	£30.00	9%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
<i>Oxford City</i>										
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Oxford residents (excl. Kassam stadium) 1st & 2nd Car	NB	£80.00	£80.00	£83.70	£83.70	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Oxford residents (excl. Kassam stadium) 3rd Car	NB	£161.00	£161.00	£168.25	£161.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Oxford residents (excl. Kassam stadium) 4th Car	NB	£275.00	£275.00	£287.38	£275.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Oxford residents (Kassam stadium area)	NB	£20.00	£20.00	£21.00	£21.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Traders permits per week	NB	£31.50	£31.50	£33.00	£33.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Visitors permits - First 25 (subject to approval following consultation)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	Digital move - improved operational efficiency and cost to serve. Low numbers of books sold, want to ensure county wide consistency.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum)	Visitors permits - 2nd 25 (total cost)	NB	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	0%	01/04/2026	Digital move - improved operational efficiency and cost to serve. Low numbers of books sold, want to ensure county wide consistency.
<i>Cherwell</i>										
Parking Permits	Banbury and Bicester	Parking permit	NB	£76.00	£76.00	£80.00	£80.00	5%	01/04/2026	To keep income inline with 4.5% RPI increase on contract, rounded to achieve whole numbers.
Parking Permits	Cherwell visitor permits	Visitors permits - First 25 (subject to approval following consultation)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	Digital move - improved operational efficiency and cost to serve. Low numbers of books sold, want to ensure county wide consistency.

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Parking Permits	Cherwell visitor permits	Visitors permits - 2nd 25 (total cost)	NB	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	£31.50	0%	01/04/2026
<i>West Oxfordshire</i>									
Parking Permits	Woodstock, Witney, Long Hanborough and Charlbury	Parking permit	NB	£65.00	£65.00	£70.00	£70.00	8%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	Woodstock Hotel Permits	Parking permit	NB	£500.00	£500.00	£525.00	£525.00	5%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	West Oxfordshire visitor permits	Visitors permits - First 25 (subject to approval following consultation)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026
Parking Permits	West Oxfordshire visitor permits	Visitors permits - 2nd 25 (total cost)	NB	£25.00	£25.00	£31.50	£31.50	26%	01/04/2026
Network Management - UTM	Enhanced event management UTM	Enhanced service per day	SR	£2,000.00	£2,400.00	£2,100.00	£2,520.00	5%	01/04/2026
Network Management - Signals	Technical advice for the provision of signals compliance, design and operation (including commissioning)	Per hour	SR	£250.00	£300.00	£265.00	£318.00	6%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	To recover the actual reasonable cost of Historic Environment Record (HER) consultations	Charge for digitised HER data to commercial organisations based on approved charging policy. Minimum Charge (no maximum charge)	SR	£174.50	£209.40	£180.00	£216.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	To recover the actual reasonable cost of monitoring fieldwork.	Charge for monitoring of archaeological fieldwork based upon the number of visits . Minimum charge for half a day. No upper limit.	SR	£299.10	£358.92	£308.00	£370.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Group Manager	SR	£897.33	£1,076.80	£924.00	£1,109.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Team Leader	SR	£804.43	£965.32	£829.00	£995.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Principal Officer	SR	£662.80	£795.36	£683.00	£820.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Officer	SR	£520.04	£624.05	£536.00	£643.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Assistant	SR	£419.21	£503.05	£432.00	£519.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,815.07	£2,178.08	£1,870.00	£2,244.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Specialist advice from Environment and Heritage officers to third parties and projects	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£905.27	£1,086.32	£932.00	£1,118.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Group Manager / Operational Manager (day rate)	SR	£943.00	£1,131.60	£971.00	£1,165.00	3%	01/04/2026

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Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges					Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from		
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Team Leader (day rate)	SR	£845.00	£1,014.00	£870.00	£1,044.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Principal Officer / Technical Lead (day rate)	SR	£696.00	£835.20	£717.00	£860.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Officer (day rate)	SR	£546.00	£655.20	£562.00	£674.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Assistant (day rate)	SR	£440.00	£528.00	£453.00	£652.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,906.00	£2,287.20	£1,963.00	£2,356.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Charging for work of officers in Environment and Highways for bespoke Planning Performance Agreements and other bespoke agreements	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£951.00	£1,141.20	£980.00	£1,176.00	3%	01/04/2026
Waste Management	Chargeable waste scheme at Household Waste Recycling Centres	Disposal of Large Scale DIY Waste	SR	£2.00	£2.40	£2.08	£2.50	4%	01/04/2026
Waste Management	Chargeable waste scheme at Household Waste Recycling Centres	Plaster/plasterboard per bag	SR	£3.46	£4.15	£3.58	£4.30	3%	01/04/2026
Waste Management	Chargeable waste scheme at Household Waste Recycling Centres	Plasterboard sheet up to 2m x 1m	SR	£9.50	£11.40	£9.83	£11.80	3%	01/04/2026
Waste Management	Chargeable waste scheme at Household Waste Recycling Centres	Standard motorcycle and car tyres	SR	£6.04	£7.25	£6.25	£7.50	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Supply bird hide key for Windrush Hides	Provide and post one key	SR	£15.38	£18.46	£15.84	£19.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Monitoring Visit - prioritised 5 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 10 days (£290)	SR	£1,236.00	£1,483.20	£1,273.00	£1,528.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Agreement of WSI (Written Scheme of Investigation) - prioritised 3 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days (free)	SR	£824.00	£988.80	£849.00	£1,019.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Reviewing watching brief report - prioritised - 3 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days (free)	SR	£824.00	£988.80	£849.00	£1,019.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Reviewing small evaluation report - prioritised - 3 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days (free)	SR	£412.00	£494.40	£424.00	£509.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Reviewing medium eval report - prioritised - 3 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days (free)	SR	£721.00	£865.20	£743.00	£892.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Archaeology- Reviewing large eval report - prioritised - 3-5 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days (free)	SR	£2,781.00	£3,337.20	£2,864.00	£3,437.00	3%	01/04/2026
Environment & Heritage	Post excavation assessments - prioritised 5 day turnaround	Standard timeframe is 21days and more for larger sites (free)	NB	£3,708.00	£4,449.60	£3,819.00	£4,583.00	3%	01/04/2026

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New Charges

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Highways	Vehicle Crossings (NEW LINE)	Temporary vehicle crossing - annual renewal	NB	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£15,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Highways	Vehicle Crossings (NEW LINE)	Temporary vehicle crossing retrospective application	NB	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£10,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Micro - 1 - 4 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£150.00	£180.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Inflationary increase and benchmarking activity
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Micro - 1 - 4 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£300.00	£360.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Small - 5 - 9 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£200.00	£240.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Small - 5 - 9 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£400.00	£480.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Medium - 11 - 29 cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£800.00	£800.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Medium - 11 - 29 cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£1,600.00	£1,920.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size - reduction off set by increase in fees for non premium streets
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large - 30 - 40 cast & crew(Non Premium St)	SR	£1,700.00	£2,040.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large - 30 - 40 cast & crew(Premium St)	SR	£3,200.00	£3,840.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large Plus - 41+ cast & crew (Non Premium St)	SR	£2,700.00	£3,240.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size
Highways	Filming Policy - On or in the vicinity of the Highway - Application Fee for permission to film (NEW LINE)	Large Plus - 41+ cast & crew (Premium St)	SR	£3,500.00	£4,200.00	ALL FILMING COULD ACHIEVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL £25 - £30k	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Benchmarking activity to reflect crew size

Highways	Hoarding Consents (NEW LINE)	Licence application + 1st week of licence. (On Bus Route)	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Replacement of monthly licence with a weekly charge - to encourage expeditious work. Fee allows for additional coordination as works on a bus route.
Highways	Hoarding Consents (NEW LINE)	Weekly Occupation - weeks confirmed during licence application (On Bus Route)	NB	£75.00	£75.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Costs benchmarked with other local authorities - for longer schemes should also increase revenue
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	8 day pass - airport	NB	£15.00	£15.00		Discretionary	AFTER FREE BUS OFFER ENDS	New charge - airport parking.
Park and Ride	Park and Ride Car Park charges - Thornhill & Water Eaton only	15 day pass - airport	NB	£30.00	£30.00		Discretionary	AFTER FREE BUS OFFER ENDS	New charge - airport parking.
Parking Permits	Oxford (per annum) (NEW LINE)	Traders permit per day	NB	£20.00	£20.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Provide additional flexibility
Waste Management	Non-Oxfordshire Householders fee to use a HWRC	Cost per single visit	SR	£12.50	£15.00	£3,000.00	Discretionary	14/1/2026	This is a new charge being implemented as part of the wider changes to the Waste Acceptance Policy
Waste Management	Asbestos - maximum of four sheets in any one visit	Charge per 1 x 1 metre sheet	SR	£4.58	£5.50	£1,800.00	Discretionary	14/1/2026	This is a new charge being implemented as part of the wider changes to the Waste Acceptance Policy

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Fire & Rescue and Community Safety

Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	1 year	NB	£119.00	£119.00	£119.00	£119.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	2 years	NB	£154.00	£154.00	£154.00	£154.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	3 years	NB	£190.00	£190.00	£190.00	£190.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	4 years	NB	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	5 years	NB	£260.00	£260.00	£260.00	£260.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where, by virtue of regulation 27 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2014 Regulations, a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	1 year	NB	£202.00	£202.00	£202.00	£202.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where, by virtue of regulation 27 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2014 Regulations, a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	2 years	NB	£266.00	£266.00	£266.00	£266.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where, by virtue of regulation 27 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2014 Regulations, a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	3 years	NB	£333.00	£333.00	£333.00	£333.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where, by virtue of regulation 27 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2014 Regulations, a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	4 years	NB	£409.00	£409.00	£409.00	£409.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Licence to store explosives where, by virtue of regulation 27 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2014 Regulations, a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	5 years	NB	£463.00	£463.00	£463.00	£463.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	1 year	NB	£94.00	£94.00	£94.00	£94.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	2 years	NB	£161.00	£161.00	£161.00	£161.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.

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Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	3 years	NB	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	4 years	NB	£291.00	£291.00	£291.00	£291.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where a minimum separation distance of greater than 0 metres is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	5 years	NB	£357.00	£357.00	£357.00	£357.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where there is no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	1 year	NB	£59.00	£59.00	£59.00	£59.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where there is no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	2 years	NB	£94.00	£94.00	£94.00	£94.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where there is no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	3 years	NB	£132.00	£132.00	£132.00	£132.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where there is no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	4 years	NB	£166.00	£166.00	£166.00	£166.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Renewal of licence to store explosives where there is no minimum separation distance or a 0 metres minimum separation distance is prescribed (Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923)	5 years	NB	£202.00	£202.00	£202.00	£202.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Statutory Charge for issuing a licence to store petroleum under Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002	Not exceeding 2,500 litres	NB	£48.00	£48.00	£48.00	£48.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Statutory Charge for issuing a licence to store petroleum under Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2003	Exceeding 2,500 litres but less than 50,000 litres	NB	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Statutory Charge for issuing a licence to store petroleum under Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2004	Over 50,000 litres	NB	£137.00	£137.00	£137.00	£137.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Varying a licence under Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1923	Varying name or address	NB	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Varying a licence under Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1924	Transfer of licence/registration	NB	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Licenses	Varying a licence under Explosive Goods Act 1875 and 1925	Replacement of licence/registration	NB	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.

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Fire & Rescue and Community Safety

Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Annual Subsistence Charge - PVR Stage 1 (low risk)	NB	£63.20	£63.20	£63.20	£63.20	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Annual Subsistence Charge - PVR Stage 1 and 2 (low risk)	NB	£90.40	£90.40	£90.40	£90.40	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Application - PVR Stage 1	NB	£124.00	£124.00	£124.00	£124.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Application - PVR Stage 1 and 2	NB	£205.60	£205.60	£205.60	£205.60	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Transfer - Standard Process Partial Transfer	NB	£397.60	£397.60	£397.60	£397.60	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Petroleum Vapour Recovery Services (TBC). Income received from those local authorities where an agreement exists for the provision of vapour recovery services by the Council. Based on a percentage of the relevant permit fee	Transfer - Standard Process Transfer	NB	£135.20	£135.20	£135.20	£135.20	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Carrying out any of the following activities which produce products which are placing on the market for use in feed - processing of crude vegetable oil, oleochemical manufacturing of fatty acids, manufacturing of biodiesel, fat blending		NB	£451.00	£451.00	£451.00	£451.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Manufacture, or manufacture and placing on the market of additives and/or premixtures		NB	£451.00	£451.00	£451.00	£451.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Placing on the market of additives and/or premixtures		NB	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	£226.00	0%	01/04/2026	Set by statute. Will need to be amended should statutory charge be updated further.

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Fire & Rescue and Community Safety

Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Reports	Insurance Interviews	NB	£111.18	£111.18	£113.96	£113.96	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Reports	Preparation of a Fire Investigation Report - full report or one involving extensive enquiries, photographs etc	NB	£536.75	£536.75	£550.17	£550.17	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Reports	Preparation of a Fire Investigation Report - full report or one on major incidents requiring extensive protracted investigation etc	NB	£786.59	£786.59	£806.25	£806.25	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Reports	Preparation of a Fire Investigation Report - short or extracted	NB	£402.86	£402.86	£412.93	£412.93	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Reports	Preparation of Basic Incident Report extract from FarDap, formerly IRS	NB	£0.00	£0.00	£130.00	£130.00		01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Special Services	Aerial Ladder Platform per hour or part hour excluding petrol	SR	£328.63	£394.36	£336.85	£404.22	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Special Services	Personnel, regardless of rank, per hour or part hour.	SR	£23.81	£28.57	£24.40	£29.28	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Special Services	Vehicles/appliances exceeding 2 tons (unladen) per hour or part hour	SR	£218.22	£261.86	£223.67	£268.41	3%	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Special Services	Vehicles/appliances NOT exceeding 2 tons (unladen) per hour or part hour	SR	£85.97	£103.16	£88.12	£105.74	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) Interview Service - Income received from other local authorities requesting this Service to carryout ABE interviews on their behalf	Time charged per hour, per officer	SR	£89.53	£107.43	£91.77	£110.12	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Additional Business Support (per hour)		SR	£89.53	£107.43	£91.77	£110.12	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	First year total for 1-5 employees	SR	£454.00	£544.80	£454.00	£544.80	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider. May change before 1st April 2026
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	First year total for 6-20 employees	SR	£660.00	£792.00	£660.00	£792.00	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	First year total for 21-49 employees	SR	£862.00	£1,034.40	£862.00	£1,034.40	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee for 1-5 employees	SR	£295.00	£354.00	£295.00	£354.00	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee for 6-20 employees	SR	£440.00	£528.00	£440.00	£528.00	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee for 21-49 employees	SR	£585.00	£702.00	£585.00	£702.00	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee (members prior to April 2017) for 1-5 employees	SR	£285.00	£342.00	£295.00	£354.00		01/04/2026	Remove for 2026/27
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee (members prior to April 2017) for 6-20 employees	SR	£430.00	£516.00	£440.00	£528.00		01/04/2026	Remove for 2026/27
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Renewal Fee (members prior to April 2017) for 21-49 employees	SR	£570.00	£684.00	£585.00	£702.00		01/04/2026	Remove for 2026/27
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Additional premises fee	SR	£92.00	£110.40	£92.00	£110.40	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Buy with Confidence Trader Approval scheme	Additional trading style	SR	£149.00	£178.80	£149.00	£178.80	0%	01/04/2026	Fees set by national scheme provider
Trading Standards - Other	Carrying Agent for imported dogs, cats and other mammals: Includes local authorities within TSSE region (excl Isle of Wight), Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire and Wiltshire where the pick-up and destination locations are within the areas identified above	Bank Holidays	SR	£660.85	£793.02	£677.37	£812.84	3%	01/04/2026	

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Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Trading Standards - Other	Carrying Agent for imported dogs, cats and other mammals: Includes local authorities within TSSE region (excl Isle of Wight), Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire and Wiltshire where the pick-up and destination locations are within the areas identified above	Monday to Friday	SR	£329.29	£395.14	£337.52	£405.02	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Carrying Agent for imported dogs, cats and other mammals: Includes local authorities within TSSE region (excl Isle of Wight), Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire and Wiltshire where the pick-up and destination locations are within the areas identified above	Saturday and Sunday	SR	£494.47	£593.37	£506.83	£608.20	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Oxfordshire businesses - First day	SR	£369.50	£443.39	£378.73	£454.48	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Non-Oxfordshire businesses - Additional fee for re-location per hour	SR	£22.77	£27.32	£23.34	£28.01	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Non-Oxfordshire businesses - First day	SR	£443.50	£532.20	£454.58	£545.50	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Non-Oxfordshire businesses - Subsequent days	SR	£110.75	£132.89	£113.51	£136.22	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Oxfordshire businesses - Additional fee for re-location per hour	SR	£22.77	£27.32	£23.34	£28.01	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Hire of cattle crush (mobile unit taken to farms / sites for the safe handling of cattle when conducting welfare checks):	Oxfordshire businesses - Subsequent days	SR	£113.85	£136.62	£116.70	£140.04	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Petroleum Environmental Searches		SR	£179.06	£214.87	£183.53	£220.24	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Primary Authority agreement	10 hours support and registration fee	NB	£988.43	£988.43	£1,013.14	£1,013.14	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Other	Work undertaken in relation to the issuing, amending, revising, replacing or transferring of a safety certificate, in respect of 'Designated Sports Grounds' and 'Regulated Stands'	Per hour	NB	£107.37	£107.37	£110.05	£110.05	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Testing fees - weights and measures (inc capacity measures, measuring instruments, intoxicating liqueur and pharmaceutical measures)	Hourly Rate	SR	£108.68	£130.41	£111.39	£133.67	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Surcharge for testing outside normal hours (Outside 8:30-17:00, Monday to Friday and on Saturday)	Non Trading Standards Officer, per hour	SR	£11.39	£13.66	£11.67	£14.00	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Surcharge for testing outside normal hours (Outside 8:30-17:00, Monday to Friday and on Saturday)	Trading Standards Officer, per hour	SR	£17.08	£20.49	£17.50	£21.01	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Surcharge for testing outside normal hours (Sunday and Bank Holidays)	Non Trading Standards Officer, per hour	SR	£22.77	£27.32	£23.34	£28.01	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Surcharge for testing outside normal hours (Sunday and Bank Holidays)	Trading Standards Officer, per hour	SR	£32.60	£39.12	£33.42	£40.10	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Length measures	Less than 10m	SR	£21.74	£26.08	£22.28	£26.73	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Measuring instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants	Per Nozzle - First item	SR	£159.91	£191.89	£163.91	£196.69	3%	01/04/2026	

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Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Measuring instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants	Second and subsequent items on same site	SR	£100.40	£120.47	£102.90	£123.49	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Measuring instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants	Testing of credit card acceptor (per unit, regardless of number of nozzles etc)	SR	£108.68	£130.41	£111.39	£133.67	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Measuring instruments for Liquid fuel and Lubricants	Testing peripheral electronic equipment on a separate visit (per site)	SR	£108.68	£130.41	£111.39	£133.67	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weighing instruments	49Kg or less - First item	SR	£108.68	£130.41	£111.39	£133.67	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weighing instruments	Over 50Kg to 1,000kg - First item	SR	£141.28	£169.53	£144.81	£173.77	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weighing instruments	Over 1,000kg to 10t - First item	SR	£291.87	£350.24	£299.17	£359.00	2%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weighing instruments	Over 10t to 60t - First item	SR	£483.35	£580.01	£495.43	£594.51	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weighing instruments	Reduced fee for subsequent items - based on hourly rate	SR	£108.68	£130.41	£111.39	£133.67	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weights	500mg - 5kg	SR	£7.40	£8.88	£7.59	£9.10	3%	01/04/2026	
Trading Standards - Verifying weights and measures	Weights	Below 500mg or above 5kg	SR	£10.87	£13.04	£11.14	£13.37	3%	01/04/2026	

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New Charges

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Fire and Rescue Service	Primary Authority Agreement	Per hour	NB	£114.00	£114.00	£72,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	Already a fee being charged in 2025/26. Added to 2026/27 fees & charges schedule to correct.
Fire and Rescue Service	Provision on witness statement (MG22) to other party (non-police) - 2 sides of A4	Per statement	NB	£200.00	£200.00	£1,000.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Fire and Rescue Service	Additional time to prepare witness statement (MG22) to other party (non-police) - more than 2 sides of A4	Per hour	NB	£114.00	£114.00	£0.00	Discretionary	01/04/2026	

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Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Supported Transport	Home to School Transport – DBS appointments and Safeguard training	Per application	NB	147.93	removed					DBS appointments will no longer be made. Only Safeguarding training will be booked. Need to move to discretionary tab.

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Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges					Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %		
Supported Transport	Comet Bus - Transport from your door to destination - for anyone without access to suitable public transport	Exclusive use - Cost per mile	NB	£1.58	£1.58	£1.58	£1.58	0%	01/04/2026	
Supported Transport	Comet Bus - Transport from your door to destination - for anyone without access to suitable public transport	Organisations/groups - Per hour	NB	£21.00	£21.00	£21.00	£21.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Supported Transport	Comet Bus - Transport from your door to destination - for anyone without access to suitable public transport	Shared travel - Cost per mile	NB	£0.79	£0.79	£0.79	£0.79	0%	01/04/2026	
Supported Transport	Home to School Transport - Missed DBS Appointments	Per Missed Appointment	NB	£28.90	£28.90	£29.59	£29.59	2%	01/04/2026	
Supported Transport	Fleet service - transport bookings	Per hour	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£59.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Supported Transport	Home to School Transport - Safeguard training only	Per application	NB	£56.27	£56.27	£57.39	£57.39	2%	01/04/2026	26/27 Only safeguard training will be provided. This is not a statutory course and has been decoupled from DBS appointments which will no longer take place.

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Discretionary		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
History Service	Administrative Charge	Minimum charge for providing an invoice for any service	SR	£30.83	£37.00	£30.83	£37.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - rarely used
History Service	Certificates	Per Copy - Baptism Certificates	NB	£18.00	£18.00	£19.00	£19.00	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Set by Church of England Parochial Fees 2025
History Service	Certificates	Per Copy - Electoral register search certified letter	SR	£15.00	£18.00	£15.83	£19.00	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE- In line with other certificate charges
History Service	Certificates	Per Copy - Motor Vehicle Registration copies	SR	£15.00	£18.00	£15.83	£19.00	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - In line with other certificate charges
History Service	Certificates	Per Copy - Magistrates Court records certified copies	SR	£15.00	£18.00	£15.83	£19.00	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE- In line with other certificate charges
History Service	Computer Printouts	Self Service Copying - per A3 copy	SR	£0.58	£0.70	£0.58	£0.70	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Computer Printouts	Self Service Copying - per A4 copy	SR	£0.29	£0.35	£0.29	£0.35	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Computer Printouts	Staff Operated Copying - per A3	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£0.83	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - fee little used.
History Service	Computer Printouts	Staff Operated Copying - per A4 copy	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£0.83	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - fee little used
History Service	Computer Printouts	Audio / Oral History collection catalogue - Price per mp3 file	SR	£4.17	£5.00	£5.00	£6.00	20%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Digital copying permit (per day)	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£8.33	£10.00	11%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Digital copying permit (per 5 visits in 1 calendar month)	SR	£20.83	£25.00	£25.00	£30.00	20%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (automated scan of Archive, microform, or delicate sources) - per sheet scanned	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.67	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	CHANGE - merge with charge below
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (automated scan, Local Studies sources) - per sheet scanned	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£1.67	£2.00	100%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - merge with charge above
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (created to order, compressed) - per image 2500 pixels	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (created to order, uncompressed) - per image 3200 pixels and above	SR	£14.17	£17.00	£15.83	£18.00	12%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (digitised maps) - per image	SR	£14.17	£17.00	£15.83	£18.00	12%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (pre-existing image, compressed) - per image 2250 pixels	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£8.33	£10.00	11%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (pre-existing image, compressed) - per image 700 pixels	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.83	£2.20	10%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Electronic files (pre-existing image, uncompressed) - per image 3200 pixels and above	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Plain paper Digital Prints (created to order) - per copy on A3	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Computer Printouts	Plain paper Digital Prints (created to order) - per copy on A4	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - no increase since 2023/24
History Service	Microform Copying	a) Self Service Copying - per A3 copy	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£0.83	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Microform Copying	a) Self Service Copying - per A4 copy	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£0.83	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Microform Copying	b) Copying by Staff - per A3 copy	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.67	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service

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Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
History Service	Microform Copying	b) Copying by Staff - per A4 copy	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.67	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Microform Copying	Minimum charge for providing copies	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£8.33	£10.00	11%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - to match Digital permit fee
History Service	Oxfordshire History Service Lecture Fees plus travel at current OCC rates	Per event	SR	£66.66	£80.00	£68.33	£82.00	3%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
History Service	Photocopies	All Archive Documents and Delicate Documents- per A4 or A3 copy	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.67	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	CHANGE - charge is little used, as digital trend grows. Merge with charge below.
History Service	Photoceopies	Local Studies - Staff operated- copying - per A4 copy	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£1.67	£2.00	100%	01/04/2026	REMOVE - merge with charge above
History Service	Photoceopies	Local Studies - Staff operated- copying - per A3 copy	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£1.67	£2.00	100%	01/04/2026	REMOVE - merge with charge above
History Service	Photocopies	Self Service Copying - per A3 copy	SR	£0.58	£0.70	£0.58	£0.70	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Photocopies	Self Service Copying - per A4 copy	SR	£0.29	£0.35	£0.29	£0.35	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Postage & Packing	UK postage	SR	£3.50	£4.20	£3.75	£4.50	7%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - rarely used
History Service	Postage & Packing	Air Mail postage	SR	£7.00	£8.40	£7.50	£9.00	7%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - rarely used
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Broadcast Media (all platforms, regions or countries) - per image used, 0-5 years	SR	£100.00	£120.00	£100.00	£120.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25 .
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Broadcast Media (all platforms, regions or countries) - per image used, in perpetuity	SR	£166.67	£200.00	£166.67	£200.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Commercial - per use of 1-5 images.	SR	£25.00	£30.00	£25.00	£30.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Commercial - per use of 6 or more images.	SR	£50.00	£60.00	£50.00	£60.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Academic - per use of 1-5 images	SR	£12.50	£15.00	£12.50	£15.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Academic - per use of 6 or more images	SR	£25.00	£30.00	£25.00	£30.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Local individuals, organisations and partners - per use of 1-5 images	SR	£8.33	£10.00	£8.33	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Reproduction Fees	Publication: Local individuals, organisations and partners - per use of 6 or more images	SR	£16.67	£20.00	£16.67	£20.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - introduced simplified structure in 2024/25
History Service	Research Enquires	Higher rate for businesses and profit-making organisations - per hour (or pro-rata) Minimum 30 minutes £40. Maximum 2 hours £160.	SR	£66.67	£80.00	£66.67	£80.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - existing fee already higher than comparable archive providers
History Service	Research Enquires	Written reply to each enquiry - per hour (or pro-rata) Minimum 30 minutes £23, Maximum 2 hours £92.	SR	£38.33	£46.00	£38.33	£46.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - existing fee already higher than comparable archive providers
History Service	USB memory sticks	per 4Bb-8Gb stick	SR	£6.67	£8.00	£6.67	£8.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - in line with Library Service
History Service	Use of Premises	Location fee for use of Oxfordshire History Centre premises for film / TV / broadcast purposes - per hour or part hour	SR	£75.00	£90.00	£76.88	£92.25	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE
Library Service	Audio-Visual Hire Charges	a) DVDs (Per Week)	NB	£2.00	£2.00	-remove-	-remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Audio-Visual Hire Charges	d) Music CDs (per Week)	NB	£2.00	£2.00	-remove-	-remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Audio-Visual Hire Charges	g) Audio Books and Language- Packs on CD (3 weeks)	NB	£2.00	£2.00	-remove-	-remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock

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Library Service	Audio-Visual Hire - Charges	g) Language Packs on CD (3-weeks)	NB	£3.50	£3.50	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Audio Visual Hire Charges	g) Audio Books and Language Packs on CD (3 weeks) NOTE - Children in care, foster carers and people with reading impairment are exempt	NB	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Audio Visual Hire Charges	j) CD-ROM (per Week)	NB	£2.30	£2.30	£2.30	£2.30	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - Rarely used/charged
Library Service	Audio Visual Hire Charges	Charge for lost/damaged AV	SR	£2.08	£2.50	£2.08	£2.50	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - Rarely used/charged
Library Service	Audio CDs late return charge	Weekly charge (maximum charge per item £6.00)	SR	£1.67	£2.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Language Packs on CD late return charge	Language Packs on CD late return charge (maximum charge per item £10.50)	SR	£2.92	£3.50	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	CD-ROM late return charge	weekly charge (maximum charge per item £6.00)	SR	£1.92	£2.30	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	DVDs late return charge	weekly charge (maximum per item £6.00)	SR	£1.67	£2.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Music CDs late return charge	weekly charge (maximum charge per item £6.00)	SR	£1.67	£2.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - obsolete stock
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Library Service Partners: Conference Room (21-30 people) per hour	EX	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Library Service Partners: Seminar Room (5-20 people) per hour	EX	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Library Service Partners: Interview Room (2-4 people) per hour	EX	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	01/04/2026	CHANGE IN WORDING, NOT RATE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Community Group use: Conference Room (21-30 people) per hour	EX	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Community Group use: Seminar Room (5-20) per hour	EX	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Community Group use: Interview Room (2-4) per hour	EX	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		01/04/2026	CHANGE IN WORDING, NOT RATE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Commercial entity use: Conference Room (21-30 people) per hour	EX	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Commercial entity use: Seminar Room (5-20) per hour	EX	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Commercial entity use: Interview Room (2-4) per hour	EX	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	0%	01/04/2026	CHANGE IN WORDING, NOT RATE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Community Group use: Westgate Collaboration Space (first hour; second and subsequent hours at three quarters rate)	EX	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Library Service Partners: Westgate Collaboration Space (first hour; second and subsequent hours at three quarters rate)	EX	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00	£60.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Commercial entity use: Westgate Collaboration Space (first hour; second and subsequent hours at three quarters rate)	EX	£90.00	£90.00	£90.00	£90.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Hire of Accommodation	Location fee for use of Oxfordshire library premises for film / TV / broadcast purposes - per hour or part hour	SR	£75.00	£90.00	£75.00	£90.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE

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Library Service	Photocopies	A3 BW & Colour	SR	£0.58	£0.70	£0.58	£0.70	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Photocopies	A4 BW & Colour	SR	£0.29	£0.35	£0.29	£0.35	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Internet Service	Sales of headphones	SR	£2.75	£3.30	£2.92	£3.50	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Slightly above inflationary rise, to give rational fee amount
Library Service	Internet Service	Sales of memory sticks	SR	£6.67	£8.00	£6.67	£8.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Adults - per day library open during first week (daily rate)	NB	£0.35	£0.35	£0.35	£0.35	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Adults - maximum per item	NB	£5.25	£5.25	£5.25	£5.25	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Charge for lost/damaged books (Recommended retail price plus processing fee where applicable)	NB	Various	Various	Various	Various		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - simply seek to cover the costs of purchasing a replacement copy
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Children - maximum per item	NB	£1.50	£1.50	£1.50	£1.50	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Children - per day library open during first week (daily rate)	NB	£0.05	£0.05	£0.05	£0.05	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Children in public care	NB	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Institutions - maximum per item	NB	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - above Inflationary rise for a rational charge amount
Library Service	Library Overdue Charges for Static Libraries	Institutions - per day library open during first week (daily rate)	NB	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - above Inflationary rise for a rational charge figure
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	a) Book / Audio Books Reservations - Standard charge	NB	£1.30	£1.30	£1.30	£1.30	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	a) Book / Audio Books Reservations - Under 18s (Incl children in public care)	NB	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt		01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	b) Items supplied from outside Oxfordshire - Standard charge	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	e) Audio Visual Reservations- (excluding Audio Books) - Concessionary rate	NB	£0.65	£0.65	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - As per loan charge proposals above
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	e) Audio Visual Reservations- (excluding Audio Books) - Standard charge	NB	£1.30	£1.30	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - As per loan charge proposals above
Library Service	Library Reservation Fees	Items supplied by the British Library and Universities	NB	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - Market rate from British Library
Library Service	Microform Copying	a) self service copying	SR	£0.83	£1.00	£0.83	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - encourage self-service
Library Service	Microform Copying	b) staff service	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.67	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - To bring into line with History Centre
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	Orchestral Sets - Non Oxfordshire Borrowers	NB	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00	£65.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	Orchestral Sets - Oxfordshire Borrowers	NB	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	Play Sets	NB	£7.00	£7.00	£7.00	£7.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	a) Booking Fee per 4 month loan Oxfordshire Borrowers - per score with performance time of 5 minutes or less	NB	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	a) Booking Fee per 4 month loan Oxfordshire Borrowers - per score with performance time of more than 5 minutes	NB	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40	£2.40	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	a) Booking Fee per 4 month loan Non Oxfordshire Borrowers - per score with performance time of more than 5 minutes	NB	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	£4.50	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	a) Booking Fee per 4 month loan Non Oxfordshire Borrowers - per score with performance time of 5 minutes or less	NB	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - seeking to support local culture

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Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	b) Overdue charge - per playset, per day library open during first week (daily rate) (maximum £5.70)	NB	£0.35	£0.35	£0.35	£0.35	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - Keep in line with general overdue fee
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	b) Overdue charge - per week or part week, per loan, vocal or orchestral	NB	£16.00	£16.00	£16.00	£16.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE - Keep in line with general overdue fee
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	c) Administration fee for performance sets supplied from outside Oxfordshire.	NB	£10.80	£10.80	£10.80	£10.80	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Inflationary rise to a rational charge amount, income generation
Library Service	Vocal/Orchestral Play sets	d) Administration fee for loss of/or damage to music scores	NB	£10.80	£10.80	£10.80	£10.80	0%	01/04/2026	General admin fee introduced in 2025 to cover staff time and resource required to manage loss and damage to scores
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	a) MRC Remedial conservation – private / commercial (per hour)	SR	£61.50	£73.80	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	a) MRC Remedial conservation - Loans (per hour)	SR	£44.50	£53.40	£44.50	£53.40	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	f) Conservation Advice - per hour	SR	£60.42	£72.50	£44.50	£53.40	-26%	01/04/2026	REDUCE - to bring into line with benchmarking authorities
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	f) Conservation Advice – per day	SR	£444.50	£533.40	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - rationalise lines and have one advisory rate of £44.50 as above
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	f) Conservation Advice – per half-day	SR	£223.00	£267.60	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - rationalise lines 116-121 and have one advisory rate of £44.50 as above
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	g) Museum Pest Management plus materials – per day	SR	£444.50	£533.40	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - rationalise lines 116-121 and have one advisory rate of £44.50 as above
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	g) Museum Pest Management plus materials – per half day	SR	£223.00	£267.60	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - rationalise lines 116-121 and have one advisory rate of £44.50 as above
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	g) Museum Pest Management plus materials – per hour	SR	£60.00	£72.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - rationalise lines 116-121 and have one advisory rate of £44.50 as above
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	h) Hire of display equipment - arrangement charge for not for profit heritage & arts organisations	SR	£22.67	£27.20	£23.23	£27.88	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	h) Hire of display equipment (cases) per month	SR	£231.00	£277.20	£236.78	£284.13	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	h) Hire of display equipment (cases) per week	SR	£106.00	£127.20	£108.65	£130.38	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	i) Training / Event session delivery - per day	SR	£444.50	£533.40	£444.50	£533.40	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	i) Training / Event session delivery - per half day	SR	£223.00	£267.60	£223.00	£267.60	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	k) Documentation and storage of archaeological archives - Administration charge (specialist)	SR	£65.00	£78.00	£68.68	£82.41	6%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	k) Documentation and accessioning of archaeological archives -per additional archaeological storage box (0.022m³)	SR	£70.92	£85.10	£87.13	£104.55	23%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Conservation & Exhibition Services	k) Documentation and accessioning of archaeological archives- site archive up to 3 archaeological storage boxes ((0.022m³))	SR	£108.50	£130.20	£133.25	£159.90	23%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	a) Oxfordshire Museum - Exhibition Gallery (per week) commercial	EX	£253.00	£253.00	£278.30	£278.30	10%	01/04/2026	INCREASE

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Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	a) Oxfordshire Museum - Exhibition Gallery (per week) community	EX	£241.00	£241.00	£247.03	£296.43	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	a) Oxfordshire Museum - Exhibition Galleries (two gallery hire) (per week) commercial	EX	£379.00	£379.00	£416.90	£416.90	10%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - above inflation
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	a) Oxfordshire Museum - Exhibition Galleries (two gallery hire) (per week) community	EX	£361.00	£361.00	£370.03	£444.03	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	b) Brewhouse - Commercial Use- (half day)	EX	£86.10	£86.10	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	b) Brewhouse - Community Use- (half day)	EX	£33.50	£33.50	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	b) Brewhouse - Commercial Use- (per day)	EX	£134.50	£134.50	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	b) Brewhouse - Community Use (per day)	EX	£63.00	£63.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	b) Brewhouse - Community Use (per month)	EX	£315.00	£315.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	c) Coachhouse - Commercial Use (half day)	EX	£107.70	£107.70	£110.39	£110.39	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	c) Coachhouse - Community Use (half day)	EX	£47.50	£47.50	£48.69	£48.69	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	c) Coachhouse - Commercial Use (per day)	EX	£182.50	£182.50	£187.06	£187.06	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	c) Coachhouse - Community Use (per day)	EX	£79.00	£79.00	£80.98	£80.98	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	d) MRC Education Lecture Room- Community Use (half day)	EX	£43.00	£43.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	d) MRC Education Lecture Room- Community Use (per day)	EX	£63.00	£63.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	e) Provision of staff to support - activities of hirer per hour - during Museum open hours	SR	£16.42	£19.70	£22.13	£26.56	35%	01/04/2026	CHANGE - 2025/26 prices quoted are incorrect, percentage increase therefore also wrong
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	e) Provision of staff to support - activities of hirer per hour (out of Museum open hours)	SR	£16.42	£19.70	£22.13	£26.56	35%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - above inflation
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	f) Coach House charge for use- outside normal hours plus staffing as necessary - Commercial use (up to 3 hours)	EX	£98.00	£98.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	f) Coach House charge for use- outside normal hours plus staffing as necessary - Community / Education- use (up to 3 hours)	EX	£57.00	£57.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Hire of Accommodation	Location fee for use of Oxfordshire Museum/Museums Resource Centre or Swalcliffe Barn premises for film / TV / broadcast purposes per hour or part hour plus staff time as required	SR	£75.00	£90.00	£76.88	£92.25	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Facilitated Community Group Visits- to The Oxfordshire Museum -per group during normal opening hours	NB	£30.75	£30.75	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant

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Museum Service	Learning & Access	Family Learning Drop In at The Oxfordshire Museum - per child costs supported by Friends of Museum	NB	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Outreach School Sessions KS1 (approximately 1.25 hours) - up to 30 children	NB	£115.00	£115.00	£117.88	£141.45	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Outreach School Sessions KS2 (approximately 1.5 hours) - up to 30 children	NB	£140.00	£140.00	£143.50	£172.20	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Community Group: Box Loans - per 2 week loan	NB	£27.00	£27.00	£27.68	£33.21	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Community Group session - Maximum 15 participants	NB	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Community Group session - over 15 participants	NB	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	£35.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Learning & Access	School Box Loans - per term	NB	£39.00	£39.00	£39.98	£39.98	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Delivery charge for Oxfordshire loan box delivery (inc. return collection)	NB	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Workshops for adults. Minimum of £10 pp per session (based on minimum of 7 participants to cover costs)	NB	£46.50	£46.50	£47.66	£57.20	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Learning & Access	School Sessions at The Oxfordshire Museum - up to 30 children	NB	£93.00	£93.00	£93.00	£93.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Learning & Access	Workshops for adults. Minimum of £10 pp per session (based on minimum of 7 participants to cover costs)	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Microform Copying	Copying by Staff - per A3 copy	SR	£1.67	£2.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Microform Copying	Copying by Staff - per A4 copy	SR	£1.67	£2.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Administration fee - for any staff time per hour needed to prepare digital Museum files (not applicable in all cases)	SR	£55.58	£66.70	£56.97	£68.37	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Plain paper Digital Prints (pre-existing image) - per copy on A3	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£7.69	£9.23	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (pre-existing image, compressed) - per image 700 pixels	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.83	£2.20	10%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Use of Digital Camera/USB Memory Stick - per day	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£7.69	£9.23	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Use of Digital Camera/USB Memory Stick - per week	SR	£21.67	£26.00	£22.21	£26.65	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (automated scan or pre-existing scans) - per sheet scanned	SR	£1.67	£2.00	£1.83	£2.20	10%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (photographed to order, uncompressed) - per image 3200 pixels and above	SR	£14.17	£17.00	£14.52	£17.43	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (photographed to order, compressed) - per image 2500 pixels	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase

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Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (pre-existing image, compressed) - per image 2250 pixels	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£8.33	£10.00	11%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Electronic files (pre-existing image, uncompressed) - per image 3200 pixels and above	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Internal Use Commercial - For use within organisation	SR	£26.25	£31.50	£26.91	£32.29	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Photo paper Digital Prints (photographed to order) - per copy on A3 paper	SR	£14.17	£17.00	£14.52	£17.43	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Photo paper Digital Prints (photographed to order) - per copy on A4 (or smaller)	SR	£14.17	£17.00	£14.52	£17.43	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Photo paper Digital Prints (pre-existing image) - per copy A3	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.10	£13.33	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Photo paper Digital Prints (pre-existing image) - per copy A4	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.10	£13.33	2%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Plain paper Digital Prints (photographed to order) - per copy on A4	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Plain paper Digital Prints (photographed to order) - per copy on A3	SR	£10.83	£13.00	£11.67	£14.00	8%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Plain paper Digital Prints (pre-existing image) - per copy on A4	SR	£7.50	£9.00	£7.69	£9.23	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Commercial - per use of 1-5 images	SR	£25.00	£30.00	£25.63	£30.75	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Commercial - per use of 6 or more images.	SR	£50.00	£60.00	£51.25	£61.50	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Broadcast Media (all platforms, regions or countries) - per image used, 0-5 years	SR	£100.00	£120.00	£100.00	£120.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Broadcast Media (all platforms, regions or countries) - per image used, in perpetuity	SR	£166.67	£200.00	£166.67	£200.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Academic - per use of 1-5 images	SR	£12.50	£15.00	£12.50	£15.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Academic - per use of 6 or more images	SR	£25.00	£30.00	£25.00	£30.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Local individuals, organisations and partners - per use of 1-5 images	SR	£8.33	£10.00	£8.33	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	MRC Digital Imaging	Publication: Local individuals, organisations and partners - per use of 6 or more images	SR	£16.67	£20.00	£16.67	£20.00	0%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC inflation increase
Museum Service	Museums Service Research Enquires	Higher rate for businesses and profit making organisations - per hour (or pro rata) Minimum 30 minutes £40 - Maximum 2 hours £160.	SR	£66.67	£80.00	remove-	remove-		01/04/2026	REMOVE - Not relevant - OMS do not offer this service

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Museum Service	Museum Service Research Enquires	Written reply to each enquiry – per hour (or pro rata). Minimum 30-minutes £21, Maximum 2 hours £92.	SR	£38.33	£46.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - Not relevant - OMS do not offer this service
Museum Service	Oxfordshire Museum Service Lecture Fees plus travel at current OCC rates	Per event	SR	£66.66	£80.00	£68.33	£82.00	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Oxfordshire Museum Research Centre Tour	Private tours of MRC, per person (min of 10 people)	SR	£5.00	£6.00	£5.13	£6.15	3%	01/04/2026	CHANGE - OCC inflationary increase.
Museum Service	Postage & Packing	UK postage	SR	£3.50	£4.20	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE
Museum Service	Postage & Packing	Air Mail postage	SR	£7.00	£8.40	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE
Museum Service	Postage & Packing	Reinforced C4 envelope	SR	£3.50	£4.20	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Administrative Charge	Minimum charge for providing an invoice for any service	SR	£30.83	£37.00	£30.83	£37.00	0%	01/04/2026	NO CHANGE
Museum Service	Use of Oxfordshire Museum Garden for Wedding Photography	Per event	EX	£115.00	£115.00	£117.88	£141.45	3%	01/04/2026	INCREASE - Follow OCC Inflation increase
Museum Service	Use of Oxfordshire Museum Garden for out of hours event (exclusive hire)	Per event at 3 hours	EX	£230.00	£230.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - replaced with new fee lines
Museum Service	Virtual workshop for OCC controlled schools	Per session	NB	£35.00	£35.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Virtual workshop for non OCC controlled schools	Per session	EX	£35.00	£35.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Virtual workshop with loan box for OCC controlled schools	Per session	NB	£58.00	£58.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant
Museum Service	Virtual workshop with loan box for non OCC controlled schools	Per session	EX	£58.00	£58.00	remove	remove		01/04/2026	REMOVE - not relevant

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New Charges

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Museum Service	Private tours of the Museum Resource Centre, out of hours,	One hour tour (minimum number 10 people)	SR	£76.00	£91.20		Discretionary	01/04/2026	

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Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Document disclosed by a coroner as a paper copy: - additional charge for each subsequent page	NB	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Document disclosed by a coroner as a paper copy: - document of 10 pages or less	NB	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Document disclosed in any other medium, other than by email or as a paper copy - fee per document	NB	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	No fee shall be payable where a document is disclosed by email by a coroner to an interested person	NB	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Transcription of an inquest hearing: - copy consisting of 360 words or less	NB	£6.20	£6.20	£6.20	£6.20	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Transcription of an inquest hearing: - copy consisting of between 1,440 words or more - each additional 72 words or part thereof	NB	£0.70	£0.70	£0.70	£0.70	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Transcription of an inquest hearing: - copy consisting of between 1,440 words or more - first 1,440 words	NB	£13.10	£13.10	£13.10	£13.10	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.
Coroner's Service	Coroners Fees for disclosure after inquest	Transcription of an inquest hearing: - copy consisting of between 361 words and up to and including 1,439 words	NB	£13.10	£13.10	£13.10	£13.10	0%	01/04/2026	No change to the charge.

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Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Education Appeals- logging appeal	Academies Admissions - lodged	per appeal	SR	£25.00	£30.00	£50.00	£60.00	100%	01/04/2026	Increased based on revised internal hourly rate - 0.5 hours at Grade 8
Education Appeals- logging appeal	Academies Admissions - Allocated place or appeal withdrawn, post preparation and pre appeal ahead of appeal hearing	per appeal	SR	£75.00	£90.00	£150.00	£180.00	100%	01/04/2026	Updated 'charge' details. Increased based on revised internal hourly rate - 1.5 hours at Grade 8
Education Appeals- logging appeal	Academies Admissions - Appeal preparation and hearing and notification of outcome	per appeal	SR	£100.00	£120.00	£200.00	£240.00	100%	01/04/2026	Updated 'charge' details. Increased based on revised internal hourly rate - 2 hours at Grade 8
Education Appeals- logging appeal	Academies - Exclusions	Per Hour	SR	£1,750.00	£2,100.00	£245.00	£294.00	-86%	01/04/2026	Changed from fixed fee to Solicitor Hourly Rate (same as Academy Rate for Legal Services)
Information Management	Information advice	Per hour	SR	£70.00	£84.00	£120.00	£144.00	71%	01/04/2026	Very competitive market rate for specialist service provided
Information Management	ROPA / Data Protection Impact Assessments including formal documentation	Per assessment	SR	£700.00	£840.00	£770.00	£924.00	10%	01/04/2026	Updated charge description to include ROPA.
Information Management	Information Sharing Agreement / DTRA (Data Transfer Risk Assessment) including formal	Per assessment	SR	£1,050.00	£1,260.00	£1,155.00	£1,386.00	10%	01/04/2026	Updated charge description to include DTRA (Data Transfer Risk Assessment).
Legal Services	Academies	Hour	SR	£205.00	£246.00	£245.00	£294.00	20%	01/04/2026	Increased based on revised internal hourly rate
Legal Services	Legal Hub (OUTS)	Hour	NB	£120.00	£120.00	£190.00	£190.00	58%	01/04/2026	Increased based on revised internal hourly rate
Legal Services	Legal Hub (3rd Party rate)	Hour	NB	£175.00	£175.00				01/04/2026	
Legal Services	Schools and Internal Clients	Hour	NB	£115.00	£115.00	£185.00	£185.00	61%	01/04/2026	Increase based on full recovery and realistic internal hourly rate.
Legal Services	Other LA, Town & Parish Councils	Hour	SR	£140.00	£168.00	£205.00	£246.00	46%	01/04/2026	Increased based on revised internal hourly rate
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Group Manager / Operational Manager (day rate)	SR	£943.00	£1,131.60	£985.00	£1,182.00	4%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Team Leader (day rate)	SR	£845.00	£1,014.00	£883.00	£1,059.60	4%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Principal Officer / Technical Lead (day rate)	SR	£696.00	£835.20	£728.00	£873.60	5%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Officer (day rate)	SR	£546.00	£655.20	£571.00	£685.20	5%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Assistant (day rate)	SR	£440.00	£528.00	£460.00	£552.00	5%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Large meeting (up to 5 Officers in attendance)	SR	£1,906.00	£2,287.20	£1,992.00	£2,390.40	5%	01/04/2026	
Property Staff	Charging for work of officers in Property Service for bespoke agreements	Small meeting (2-3 Officers in attendance)	SR	£951.00	£1,141.20	£994.00	£1,192.80	5%	01/04/2026	
School Meals	Adults	Per meal	SR	£4.19	£5.02	£4.19	£5.02	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Charge for paid meal, OCC maintained schools	Per meal	NB	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Free School Meal, OCC maintained schools	Per Meal	NB	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Universal Infant Free School Meal, OCC maintained schools	Per Meal	NB	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Charge for paid meal, Academies	Per meal	SR	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Free School Meal, Academies	Per Meal	SR	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
School Meals	Universal Infant Free School Meal, Academies	Per Meal	SR	£2.90	£3.48	£2.90	£3.48	0%	01/04/2026	No proposed change and to be reviewed in Sept '26.
Human Resources	Job Evaluations for Academies	Ad Hoc/ Re evaluation of a Role per hour up to 25 hours Job Evaluation per role	SR	£180.00	£216.00	£250.00	£300.00	39%	01/04/2026	Fee has been changed to per Job Evaluation. Free for Maintained Schools
Human Resources- Charge to be removed	Job Evaluations for Academies	Rate per hour if it takes more than 25 hours per role	SR	£270.00	£324.00				01/04/2026	

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Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Gypsy & Traveller Service	Rent for nine additional plots at Redbridge	Weekly site rental	EX	£118.00 £116.50	£118.00 £116.50	£119.50	£119.50	3%	01/04/2026	25/26 fee corrected in the schedule from £118 to £116.50. uplifted to reflect inflation. Not fully covering direct costs as charge is subsidised, e.g. covering water bills at some sites.
Gypsy & Traveller Service	Weekly rent of plot to site resident (there are 89 plots across the 6 Oxfordshire sites).	Weekly site rental	EX	£90.00 £89.00	£90.00 £89.00	£91.50	£91.50	3%	01/04/2026	25/26 fee corrected in the schedule from £90.00 to 89.00. uplifted to reflect inflation. Not fully covering direct costs as charge is subsidised, e.g. covering water bills at some sites.

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Statutory and Discretionary

Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges						Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	
Legal Services	External s.106, other TCPA Legal Deeds/Agreements	Hour	NB	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	£275.00	£275.00	10%	01/04/2026	Increase based on realistic internal charged rate and benchmarking. Slight change in Charge name

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Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges		Anticipated for coming Year 2026/27	Charge Type	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27				
Legal Services	Capital Projects	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - was £115 - increase based on full recovery and realistic internal hourly rate
Legal Services	External - s.106 PPA	Hour	NB	£300.00	£300.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on old OUTS of £250, for 2026/27 increased to £275. This increase reflects the expenditure paid for an accelerated process.
Legal Services	External - Highways Agreements/Stopping up/Licences	Hour	NB	£275.00	£275.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on OUTS of £250
Legal Services	External Property - Notices	Hour	NB	£100.00	£100.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking.
Legal Services	External Property - Commercial Leases/Agreements/Variations	Hour	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	External Property - all other Commercial Work	Hour	NB	£220.00	£220.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	External Contracts & Procurement - 3rd Parties	Hour	NB	£250.00	£250.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on benchmarking
Legal Services	Fire & Trading Standards	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	New category - based on internal rate. Unlikely to recover full costs as not all work is charged
Legal Services	Academy Conversion (voluntary)	Hour	NB	£185.00	£185.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Was ½ interntal rate, revised based on benchmarking to reflect internal rate.
Information Management	Audit / health check including formal documentation	Per half day	SR	£600.00	£720.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Existing 25/26 charge missing from schedule, now added in
Information Management	Information advice - QA	Per hour	SR	£160.00	£192.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Very competitive market rate for specialist service provided
Information Management	Information advice - DPO	Per hour	SR	£200.00	£240.00		Discretionary	01/04/2026	Very competitive market rate for specialist service provided

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Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charges					Discretionary or Statutory	Proposed date effective from	Comments
				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %			
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Marriage and Civil partnership ceremonies.	per amendment	NB	£65.00	£65.00	£69.50	£69.50	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for non-statutory ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£54.17	£65.00	£57.92	£69.50	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Private Citizenship Ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£20.00	£24.00	£20.83	£25.00	4%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Short Birth Death Certificate	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Space 17 addition	Per application	NB	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Commemorative Certificates	per certificate	SR	£8.33	£10.00	£8.75	£10.50	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£99.00	£99.00	£99.00	£99.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce	Per application	NB	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Standard Service	Per service	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - completing the declaration	Per service	NB	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - signing the declaration in a religious registered for marriage of same sex couples	Per service	NB	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Priority Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	Per application	NB	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Application for Approved Premise License	Per application	NB	£2,607.00	£2,607.00	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Approved Premise license amendment fee	per amendment	SR	£161.00	£161.00	£173.00	£173.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony at advertised times - Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£403.00	£403.00	£433.00	£433.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£494.50	£494.50	£548.00	£548.00	11%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£527.00	£527.00	£567.00	£567.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£645.00	£645.00	£694.00	£694.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£511.00	£511.00	£545.00	£545.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£602.00	£602.00	£635.00	£635.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	

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				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %			
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£709.50	£709.50	£750.00	£750.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£667.00	£667.00	£710.00	£710.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Saturday 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£735.00	£735.00	£785.00	£785.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£838.50	£838.50	£901.00	£901.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	OOH Marriage & Civil partnership fees at Registration Office Ceremony rooms Monday to Sunday - Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later	per ceremony	NB	£113.00	£113.00	£121.00	£121.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room Monday - Friday	per ceremony	NB	£82.00	£82.00	£87.00	£87.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Saturday	per ceremony	NB	£122.00	£122.00	£130.00	£130.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Sunday / Bank Holiday	per ceremony	NB	£243.00	£243.00	£260.00	£260.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil Partnership and Register Premises (Church or Chapel)	Attending chapel / church	NB	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	STATUTORY Marriage & Civil Partnership ceremony in Oxford Register Office Statutory Room	Statutory Marriage or Civil Partnership RO (Tues only)	NB	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony by Registrar General's License	per ceremony	NB	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Non refundable booking fee	Per Ceremony	NB	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£720.00	£720.00	£760.00	£760.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£790.00	£790.00	£820.00	£820.00	4%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Sunday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£914.00	£914.00	£958.00	£958.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	OOH APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later. Monday - Sunday	Per Ceremony	NB	£113.00	£113.00	£121.00	£121.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues Monday to Friday	Per Ceremony	NB	£144.00	£144.00	£155.00	£155.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	

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Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Saturday	Per Ceremony	NB	£211.00	£211.00	£225.00	£225.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Sunday / Bank Holiday	Per Ceremony	NB	£290.00	£290.00	£310.00	£310.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership - Foreign Nationals	Extended 70 day Notice for foreign Nationals (for 1 person)	NB	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership	Notice of Marriage/Civil Partnership (for 1 person)	NB	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£268.75	£322.50	£288.33	£346.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£313.33	£376.00	£333.33	£400.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£358.33	£430.00	£383.33	£460.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£295.83	£355.00	£316.67	£380.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£331.67	£398.00	£358.33	£430.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£371.67	£446.00	£400.00	£480.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£425.42	£510.50	£458.33	£550.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£461.25	£553.50	£495.83	£595.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£501.67	£602.00	£537.50	£645.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Your day your way ceremony Marriage or Civil Partnership Ceremony and a non-statutory ceremony	Per Ceremony	NB	£880.00	£880.00	£946.00	£946.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Group Ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per citizen	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.

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				Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %			
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Private Ceremony	SR	£102.92	£123.50	£110.83	£133.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£125.42	£150.50	£135.00	£162.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£257.92	£309.50	£277.50	£333.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£295.42	£354.50	£317.50	£381.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£16.67	£20.00	£17.92	£21.50	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£20.83	£25.00	£22.50	£27.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	PD2 Change of Name for Passport Form completion	Per form	SR	£26.67	£32.00	£28.75	£34.50	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Foreign Pension Proof of Life & Residence form completion	Per form	SR	£26.67	£32.00	£28.75	£34.50	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Certificate Keepsake Folder	Per folder	SR	£2.71	£3.25	£2.92	£3.50	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	General Search of indexes	Per search	NB	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Postage - Royal Mail 1st class signed for	per package	NB	£3.25	£3.25	£3.35	£3.35	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Registering a Religious Building for Worship	Per application	NB	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	
Registration Service	Application for Waiver of Notice period	Per application	NB	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2026	

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				Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2027/28	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2027/28	Change %			
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Marriage and Civil partnership ceremonies.	per amendment	NB	£69.50	£69.50	£73.00	£73.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for non-statutory ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£57.92	£69.50	£60.83	£73.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Private Citizenship Ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£20.83	£25.00	£22.08	£26.50	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Short Birth Death Certificate	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Space 17 addition	Per application	NB	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Commemorative Certificates	per certificate	SR	£8.75	£10.50	£9.58	£11.50	9%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£99.00	£99.00	£99.00	£99.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce	Per application	NB	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00	£55.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Standard Service	Per service	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - completing the declaration	Per service	NB	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - signing the declaration in a religious registered for marriage of same sex couples	Per service	NB	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Priority Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	Per application	NB	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Application for Approved Premise License	Per application	NB	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	4%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Approved Premise license amendment fee	per amendment	SR	£144.17	£173.00	£148.33	£178.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony at advertised times - Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£433.00	£433.00	£465.00	£465.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£548.00	£548.00	£589.00	£589.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£567.00	£567.00	£610.00	£610.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£694.00	£694.00	£746.00	£746.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times - Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£545.00	£545.00	£586.00	£586.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times - Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£635.00	£635.00	£682.00	£682.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times - Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£750.00	£750.00	£806.00	£806.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	

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Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£710.00	£710.00	£763.00	£763.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Saturday 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£785.00	£785.00	£843.00	£843.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£901.00	£901.00	£968.00	£968.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	OOH Marriage & Civil partnership fees at Registration Office Ceremony rooms Monday to Sunday - Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later	per ceremony	NB	£121.00	£121.00	£130.00	£130.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room Monday - Friday	per ceremony	NB	£87.00	£87.00	£93.50	£93.50	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Saturday	per ceremony	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£140.00	£140.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Sunday / Bank Holiday	per ceremony	NB	£260.00	£260.00	£279.00	£279.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil Partnership and Register Premises (Church or Chapel)	Attending chapel / church	NB	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	STATUTORY Marriage & Civil Partnership ceremony in Oxford Register Office Statutory Room	Statutory Marriage or Civil Partnership RO (Tues only)	NB	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony by Registrar General's License	per ceremony	NB	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Non refundable booking fee	Per Ceremony	NB	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£760.00	£760.00	£800.00	£800.00	5%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£820.00	£820.00	£880.00	£880.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Sunday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£958.00	£958.00	£1,029.00	£1,029.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	OOH APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later. Monday - Sunday	Per Ceremony	NB	£121.00	£121.00	£130.00	£130.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues Monday to Friday	Per Ceremony	NB	£155.00	£155.00	£165.00	£165.00	6%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Saturday	Per Ceremony	NB	£225.00	£225.00	£241.00	£241.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	

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Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Sunday / Bank Holiday	Per Ceremony	NB	£310.00	£310.00	£333.00	£333.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership - Foreign Nationals	Extended 70 day Notice for foreign Nationals (for 1 person)	NB	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership	Notice of Marriage/Civil Partnership (for 1 person)	NB	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£288.33	£346.00	£309.17	£371.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£333.33	£400.00	£358.33	£430.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£383.33	£460.00	£412.08	£494.50	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£316.16	£380.00	£340.00	£408.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£358.33	£430.00	£385.00	£462.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£400.00	£480.00	£430.00	£516.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£458.33	£550.00	£492.50	£591.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£495.83	£595.00	£532.50	£639.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£537.50	£645.00	£577.50	£693.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Your day your way ceremony Marriage or Civil Partnership Ceremony and a non-statutory ceremony	Per Ceremony	NB	£946.00	£946.00	£1,016.00	£1,016.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Group Ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per citizen	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Private Ceremony	SR	£110.83	£133.00	£118.75	£143.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	

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Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£135.00	£162.00	£145.00	£174.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£277.50	£333.00	£298.33	£358.00	8%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£317.50	£381.00	£340.83	£409.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£17.92	£21.50	£19.17	£23.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£22.50	£27.00	£24.17	£29.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	PD2 Change of Name for Passport Form completion	Per form	SR	£28.75	£34.50	£30.83	£37.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Foreign Pension Proof of Life & Residence form completion	Per form	SR	£28.75	£34.50	£30.83	£37.00	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	Certificate Keepsake Folder	Per folder	SR	£2.92	£3.50	£3.13	£3.75	7%	Discretionary	01/04/2027	
Registration Service	General Search of indexes	Per search	NB	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Postage - Royal Mail 1st class signed for	per package	NB	£3.35	£3.35	£3.50	£3.50	4%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Registering a Religious Building for Worship	Per application	NB	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Application for Waiver of Notice period	Per application	NB	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2027	No proposed date for statutory fee review

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				Charge exc VAT 2027/28	Charge inc VAT 2027/28	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2028/29	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2028/29	Change %				
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Marriage and Civil partnership ceremonies.	per amendment	NB	£73.00	£73.00	£75.00	£75.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for non-statutory ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£60.83	£73.00	£62.50	£75.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	Amendment Fee for Private Citizenship Ceremonies	per amendment	SR	£22.08	£26.50	£22.50	£27.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Short Birth Death Certificate	per certificate	NB	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	£12.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Space 17 addition	Per application	NB	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	£44.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Commemorative Certificates	per certificate	SR	£9.58	£11.50	£10.00	£12.00	4%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Consideration for a correction (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£99.00	£99.00	£83.00	£83.00	-16%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce	Per application	NB	£55.00	£55.00	£83.00	£83.00	51%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Consideration of Foreign Divorce (RG involvement)	Per application	NB	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	£83.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Standard Service	Per service	NB	£50.00	£50.00	£83.00	£83.00	66%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - completing the declaration	Per service	NB	£30.00	£30.00	£83.00	£83.00	177%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Conversion of a Civil Partnership into Marriage - Two stage procedure on other premises - signing the declaration in a religious registered for marriage of same sex couples	Per service	NB	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	£101.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Priority Birth, Death, Marriage, Civil Partnership, Still-birth Certificates	Per application	NB	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	£38.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review	
Registration Service	Application for Approved Premise License	Per application	NB	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	£2,850.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Government announcement that this service will be withdrawn	
Registration Service	Approved Premise license amendment fee	per amendment	SR	£148.33	£178.00	£148.33	£178.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Government announcement that this service will be withdrawn	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony at advertised times - Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£465.00	£465.00	£479.00	£479.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£589.00	£589.00	£606.00	£606.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£610.00	£610.00	£610.00	£610.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking	
Registration Service	CLASSIC Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	per ceremony	NB	£746.00	£746.00	£746.00	£746.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£586.00	£586.00	£603.00	£603.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£682.00	£682.00	£702.00	£702.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028		

Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£806.00	£806.00	£830.00	£830.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	per ceremony	NB	£763.00	£763.00	£763.00	£763.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Saturday 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£843.00	£843.00	£843.00	£843.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking
Registration Service	ENHANCED Registration Office LARGE Ceremony Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony a outside of advertised times- Sundays and Bank Holidays 09:00 - 17:30	per ceremony	NB	£968.00	£968.00	£968.00	£968.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking
Registration Service	OOH Marriage & Civil partnership fees at Registration Office Ceremony rooms Monday to Sunday - Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later	per ceremony	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£132.60	£132.60	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	Ceiling of charging based on SE benchmarking
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room Monday - Friday	per ceremony	NB	£93.50	£93.50	£95.00	£95.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Saturday	per ceremony	NB	£140.00	£140.00	£142.50	£142.50	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Registration Office Ceremony Room - Sunday / Bank Holiday	per ceremony	NB	£279.00	£279.00	£285.00	£285.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil Partnership and Register Premises (Church or Chapel)	Attending chapel / church	NB	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	£104.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	STATUTORY Marriage & Civil Partnership ceremony in Oxford Register Office Statutory Room	Statutory Marriage or Civil Partnership RO (Tues only)	NB	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Marriage & Civil partnership ceremony by Registrar General's License	per ceremony	NB	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No confirmed date for statutory fee review.
Registration Service	Non refundable booking fee	Per Ceremony	NB	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	0%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£800.00	£800.00	£810.00	£810.00	1%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£880.00	£880.00	£897.00	£897.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Sunday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	NB	£1,029.00	£1,029.00	£1,045.00	£1,045.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	OOH APPROVED PREMISE Marriages and Civil Partnerships ceremonies- Surcharge on top of standard fee for ceremony taking place OOH at 6pm or later. Monday - Sunday	Per Ceremony	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£132.00	£132.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues Monday to Friday	Per Ceremony	NB	£165.00	£165.00	£168.00	£168.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Saturday	Per Ceremony	NB	£241.00	£241.00	£245.00	£245.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Re-attendance of Registrars on the same day for late ceremony at Approved Venues - Sunday / Bank Holiday	Per Ceremony	NB	£333.00	£333.00	£338.00	£338.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership - Foreign Nationals	Extended 70 day Notice for foreign Nationals (for 1 person)	NB	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	£57.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review

Registration Service	Notice of Marriages and Civil Partnership	Notice of Marriage/Civil Partnership (for 1 person)	NB	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	£42.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£309.17	£371.00	£315.83	£379.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£358.33	£430.00	£365.00	£438.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Registration Offices (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£412.08	£494.50	£420.83	£505.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£340.00	£408.00	£346.67	£416.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£385.00	£462.00	£392.50	£471.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at Approved Premises (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£430.00	£516.00	£438.33	£526.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£492.50	£591.00	£502.50	£603.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Saturday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£532.50	£639.00	£542.50	£651.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Non-Statutory Ceremonies at venues not approved by Oxfordshire County Council (Naming Ceremonies, Renewal of Vows, Partnership/Commitment Ceremonies) Sunday & Bank Holiday 09:00 - 17:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£577.50	£693.00	£588.33	£706.00	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Your day your way ceremony Marriage or Civil Partnership Ceremony and a non-statutory ceremony	Per Ceremony	NB	£1,016.00	£1,016.00	£863.33	£1,036.00	-15%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Group Ceremony Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per citizen	NB	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	£130.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Private Ceremony	SR	£118.75	£143.00	£122.50	£147.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Individual Ceremony at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£145.00	£174.00	£149.17	£179.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£298.33	£358.00	£306.67	£368.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private Family Ceremony (2 adults and up to 3 children) at a Registration Office Saturday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£340.83	£409.00	£350.83	£421.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	

Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Monday - Friday 09:00 - 16:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£19.17	£23.00	£19.58	£23.50	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Citizenship Ceremonies - Private ceremony at a Registration Office - Each additional child Saturday 09:00 - 12:00	Per Ceremony	SR	£24.17	£29.00	£24.58	£29.50	2%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	PD2 Change of Name for Passport Form completion	Per form	SR	£30.83	£37.00	£31.67	£38.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Foreign Pension Proof of Life & Residence form completion	Per form	SR	£30.83	£37.00	£31.67	£38.00	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	Certificate Keepsake Folder	Per folder	SR	£3.13	£3.75	£3.21	£3.85	3%	Discretionary	01/04/2028	
Registration Service	General Search of indexes	Per search	NB	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Postage - Royal Mail 1st class signed for per package	Per package	NB	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Registering a Religious Building for Worship	Per application	NB	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review
Registration Service	Application for Waiver of Notice period	Per application	NB	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	£66.00	0%	Statutory	01/04/2028	No proposed date for statutory fee review

Review of Charges 2026/27
 Transformation, Digital, and Customer Experience

Statutory		Charges								
Service Area	Charge	Unit	VAT Class	Charge exc VAT 2025/26	Charge inc VAT 2025/26	Proposed Charge exc VAT 2026/27	Proposed Charge inc VAT 2026/27	Change %	Proposed date effective from	Comments
Customer Experience	Concessionary Fares	Card issue and admin	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	
Customer Experience	Disabled Parking	Card issue and admin, assessment service	NB	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	0%	01/04/2026	

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Oxfordshire County Council
Overarching Equalities Impact Assessment
Budget Proposals 2026/27
Date: 10/12/2025

Section 1: Summary and Context

What is Being Assessed:

Oxfordshire County Council's Budget and Business Plan proposals for 2026/27, covering both capital and revenue, are being assessed for their overall impact on various community groups, particularly those protected by the Equality Act 2010, as well as on broader community and societal outcomes. This Equalities Impact Assessment provides a public summary of how the proposed budget may influence equality in Oxfordshire and outlines steps to address any concerns. The assessment systematically reviews how budget decisions could affect people with protected characteristics or other vulnerable groups, ensuring the Council fulfills its legal duty to prevent discrimination, promote equal opportunities, and encourage positive community relations when setting the budget.

Current Budget Setting Context:

Like many councils, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) faces a challenging financial landscape. Demand for key services (especially in adult and children's social care) is rising while resources are constrained. The Council must find substantial savings and efficiencies to deliver a balanced budget. At the same time, central government is undertaking a 'Fair Funding Review' of local government finance from 2026/27 which creates uncertainty about future funding levels. In essence, the Council must plan prudently amid budget pressures and an evolving funding formula, ensuring vital services continue for those who need them most. This tight fiscal context makes it even more critical to assess equality impacts: we need to save money in ways that do not unfairly burden any community or protected group. The Council's financial strategy is to protect frontline services and vulnerable people as far as possible despite the constraints on reserves and spending.

Summary of Assessment: Neutral/ Positive

After reviewing all 2026/27 proposals, no changes are intended to negatively or disproportionately affect any protected group. Most adjustments are internal or technical with neutral equality impacts, while some investments – such as in community services and infrastructure – will benefit protected groups. Many proposals are still in early stages; proposal-specific Equalities Impact Assessments (EIAs) will be updated as plans develop and further information is gathered, with public consultation ensuring any unforeseen impacts are addressed. At this strategic level, the 2026/27 budget is assessed as having a neutral or positive effect on

equalities, with no evidence of intentional disadvantage. Some proposals, like improvements to rural transport and maintaining community hubs, may improve opportunities for those in remote or less-mobile populations. The EIA is an ongoing process; each proposal will receive further analysis as it progresses. The Council will engage with communities, monitor impacts, and adjust plans as needed to avoid unintended harm. In conclusion, the 2026/27 budget proposals are not expected to negatively impact any protected group and will be continually reviewed to ensure fairness and inclusion throughout Oxfordshire.

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Section 2: Detailed Context and Background

Financial Challenges and Fair Funding Reform:

Oxfordshire County Council enters 2026/27 facing significant financial challenges. There are severe budget pressures driven by rising demand in services like Adult Social Care and Special Educational Needs (SEN), inflation in contract costs, and legacy budget shortfalls. Compounding this is the Fair Funding Review 2.0 by central government, which will overhaul how councils are funded from 2026/27. This reform aims to redistribute council funding based on updated needs formulas; together with a business rates reset, it will deliver the most significant change in the distribution of funding to local government in over a decade. The Council is therefore being cautious in its 2026/27 budget and avoiding new long-term commitments. It also underscores the need to build resilience and fairness into our budget; we must ensure vital services (especially vulnerable groups) are sustainable even if resources shift.

Oxfordshire's Community Profile:

Understanding Oxfordshire's population helps in assessing potential equality impacts. Key points:

- Our county has an ageing population (the proportion of residents over 65 is growing, especially in rural districts where around 20% are 65+ vs roughly 12% in Oxford City). There is also a significant youth population in urban areas (Oxford's median age is just 31, partly due to our high student population).
- Census 2021 indicates 14.5% of residents are disabled under the Equality Act; a further 7.9% have a long-term condition not limiting daily activities; combined, 22–23% report a condition or disability.
- We have an increasingly diverse ethnic makeup: overall about 23% of residents are from non White-British backgrounds, with Oxford City having an almost 50% non-White British population.
- Smaller but important communities include a growing number of LGBTQ+ residents, a thriving network of faith communities, and a notable population of Armed Forces personnel and veterans linked to local bases and reserve units.
- There are also significant rural communities (about one-third of our population lives in smaller towns/villages and rural areas) and pockets of deprivation – for example, parts of Oxford (Blackbird Leys, Rose Hill), Banbury (Ruscote) and Didcot have higher unemployment and poverty rates despite the county's overall affluence. According to the Indices of Deprivation 2025, 2 small areas in Oxfordshire fall in the most deprived 10% nationally, and 9 in the most deprived 20%.

This varied profile means the impacts of budget changes can differ across Oxfordshire: e.g. a proposal affecting public transport could particularly matter for rural elderly residents, while changes in library or youth services might impact

families in poorer urban areas. Ensuring an intersectional balance of equalities implications is paramount to the council's ambitions for a fair and equitable county.

Our Equality Objectives and Approach:

The Council's Strategic Plan emphasises making Oxfordshire “*a fairer, greener, and healthier*” county. Internally, the Council has a four-year inclusion strategy, the “*Including Everyone*” framework (2024), which commits to tackling discrimination and advancing equality in all we do. The 2026/27 budget has been developed in line with these values. Throughout the budgeting process, officers were instructed to consider how to minimise negative impacts on vulnerable groups. For example, in identifying savings, priority has been given to back-office efficiencies and income generation over frontline service reductions wherever possible. Some proposals explicitly aim to improve equity – for instance, investing in community transport to serve isolated rural communities, or funding digital tools that improve access to services for people with disabilities.

(Note: This EIA recognises that many proposals are still at an early design phase as of budget-setting in late 2025. This is common – ideas are put forward to meet financial targets, but detailed designs will follow. The purpose of this overarching EIA is to ensure there are no major unforeseen equalities implications at the point of budget decisions. Detailed, proposal-specific EIAs will be developed as plans progress.)

In the detailed impact assessment below, we group findings by:

- **Protected Characteristics,**
- **Additional Community Impacts,**
- **Wider Impacts.**

Each section outlines current context for the group in question, the overall impact rating we assign (Positive, Neutral, Negative, or Mixed) and why, the specific budget proposals that contribute to those impacts, and any mitigation actions identified (with who will lead on those actions and relevant timelines for review).

Section 3: Impact Assessment by Protected Characteristic

Protected Characteristic: Age

Impact: Neutral to Positive

Context: Oxfordshire has a total population of around 725,300, with about 18% aged 0–15, 64% aged 16–64 (working age), and 18% aged 65+. The county's older population (65+) has grown in recent years – now, numbering about 129,800 people – and is projected to increase further as life expectancy is high. Many rural areas have an even higher proportion of elderly residents, leading to concerns about isolation and access to services. Meanwhile, the presence of two universities means Oxford City has a younger skew (median age 31), and countywide there are about 132,500 children under 16. Key age-related issues include providing for the rising care needs of the elderly, ensuring services for children and youth are maintained (education, youth clubs, etc.), and enabling working-age adults to access employment and transport.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Age:

- **Emergency Oxfordshire Telecare Provision (Adult Social Care):**

Description: Funding an urgent new telecare service after the previous provider failed, to ensure lifeline alarm support continues for elderly and disabled residents living at home.

Impact: Positive for older people. Telecare allows older, vulnerable residents to live independently at home with 24/7 emergency support (e.g. fall detectors, personal alarms). The new contract prevents a gap in service that would have disproportionately affected older individuals.

Mitigations: This is an enhancement, not a cut. The Council's commissioning team is closely monitoring the new provider to ensure stable staffing and a smooth transition. No negative impacts identified.

- **Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Traffic Restrictions Pilot (Highways – Capital Project):**

Description: A pilot scheme to impose weight restrictions and re-route HGVs away from certain towns/villages (e.g. Henley, Windrush Valley) to reduce heavy traffic in rural communities.

Impact: Positive for older people *and* children. Reducing HGV volume will make village streets safer and quieter, which especially benefits older pedestrians (who may feel intimidated by large lorries) and young families walking or cycling. It should also improve air quality – beneficial to older residents with respiratory conditions and to young children. No direct negative impact on youth beyond general safety improvements (e.g. children walking to school will have safer roads).

Mitigations: This scheme is being monitored during the pilot. If new issues arise, the traffic plan will be adjusted. Community feedback (across all ages) is part of the pilot evaluation.

- **School Expansions (Children's Services – Capital, via CIL funding):**

Description: Using developer contributions (Community Infrastructure Levy) to expand Tetsworth Primary School and to fund the relocation and expansion of St Nicholas' CE Infant School into a full primary school, to meet growing demand from new housing developments.

Impact: **Positive** for young people (children) and their families, particularly in rural or growing communities. Providing additional school capacity in the right areas ensures that children can get a school place locally, avoiding overcrowding and long travel distances. Improved access and modern facilities facilitate better learning outcomes and educational experience.

Mitigations: As with any change in education provision, families will be kept informed about changes to school capacity or catchment areas. Engagement and consultation with parents and the local community are integral in the school expansion planning process. By involving stakeholders early, the expansion can proceed smoothly without disadvantaging any pupils during transitions.
- **Adult Social Care Funding Pressures (Adult Social Care):**

Description: The budget includes additional funding to meet growing needs in adult social care (e.g. more home care hours, residential placements) and covers a shortfall that arose after an external care provider's sudden liquidation.

Impact: **Positive/Neutral** for older adults. By allocating extra funds, the Council ensures no older person loses care support due to budget cuts. For instance, more older people needing help with daily living will receive services, preventing unmet need or waiting lists. This avoids a potential negative scenario of rationing care due to lack of funds. This proposal itself is a mitigation against what would have been a negative impact on the elderly if funding were insufficient.

Mitigations: This is a proactive measure. The Council will continually monitor demand. In summary, this funding top-up is designed to maintain service levels for older people, ensuring they are not adversely affected by rising demand.
- **Children & Youth Services – Maintained Provision:**

Description: Notably, **no cuts** were proposed to children's services, youth clubs, or early help programmes in 2026/27. In fact, one budget line adds funding for children's social care placements to cover cost increases.

Impact: **Neutral/Positive** for children and young people. Maintaining current service levels means there is no loss of support for families or youth. Key services like children's centres and family support, continue unchanged, preserving vital developmental and social opportunities. The additional funding for care placements ensures that vulnerable children (e.g. looked-after children) continue to be placed appropriately even as costs rise, thereby safeguarding their welfare.

Mitigations: Since there are no reductions, specific mitigation is not required. The Council will continue to engage with young people to identify any emerging needs and ensure services remain responsive.

- **Library and Education Infrastructure (Resources/Cultural Services – Capital):**

Description: Capital plans include projects like a new **Banbury Library** (planned for 2027 in partnership with the district council) and improvements to other libraries. While these facilities will not be delivered in 2026/27, the budget confirms ongoing commitment to these community assets. For instance, the capital programme includes refurbishments at Wantage Library (£360k) and Goring Library (£750k over two years), which will create more flexible, accessible spaces for community use. There is also funding to expand Didcot Library (£550k) to serve a growing young family population there. These library investments benefit children (providing better study spaces, literacy activities) and older residents (offering social, educational opportunities and internet access)

Impact: **Positive** in the medium term for both young people and older residents. Libraries provide study space and educational resources for children, and social hubs or lifelong learning opportunities for older adults. An improved library in Banbury (which serves areas with higher deprivation and many young families) will particularly benefit children's literacy and after-school activities and also offers older adults a welcoming place and social connection. Many of these libraries will also include spaces for confidential conversations, opening the possibility for confidential service provision on site also. In the short term, the 2026/27 budget keeps funding on track for these projects, so there is no negative effect on current users. *Mitigations:* Ensure new facilities are age-friendly in design – e.g. children's sections and activities for various age groups, quiet areas and accessible features for seniors, and dementia-friendly layouts for those with cognitive impairments. Although the major benefits of the capital investments will be realised in coming years, preserving the funding now mitigates any risk of delay. Meanwhile, existing libraries will remain free to use and accessible; if any refurbishment causes temporary disruption, alternative provisions (such as mobile libraries or outreach services) will be arranged to avoid leaving any age group without access.

Overall Mitigation Measures for Age: Across proposals, the overarching approach is to safeguard and enhance services that support both ends of the age spectrum. For older people, additional measures include integrating services like health and social care (so an elderly person can have a "one-stop" experience), providing information in accessible formats (large-print, telephone support for those who are not online). In summary, the budget is designed to protect both older and younger residents, and where new initiatives are introduced (transport, safety, education infrastructure), to specifically improve their quality of life.

Protected Characteristic: Disability

Impact: Neutral to Positive

Context (Disability in Oxfordshire): According to the 2021 Census, around 165,500 Oxfordshire residents (23% of the population) have a disability or long-term health condition that limits their daily activities to some degree. This includes people with physical disabilities, sensory impairments, learning disabilities, and mental health conditions. National surveys estimate about 20–21% of people in South East England have a disability (broadly defined), so Oxfordshire is in line with national prevalence. Within this group, a subset has significant needs: for example, roughly 11,960 older residents receive Attendance Allowance for severe disabilities in old age, and about 1,430 adults with learning disabilities are supported by the Council's Adult Social Care services. Ensuring accessibility of services, adequate social care, and equal opportunities (employment, education) for disabled people is a key equality objective. There are also around 2,600 children with autism in local schools and thousands with special educational needs (SEN), highlighting the importance of inclusive education and smooth transitions to adulthood. The Council has committed to being a "Disability Confident" employer and to making Oxfordshire inclusive – for instance, through the "Including Everyone" strategy which emphasises accessible infrastructure and information, and by providing reasonable adjustments across our services.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Disability:

- **Emergency Telecare Service (Adult Social Care):** *[This is the same proposal noted under Age.]*
Impact: Positive for people with disabilities as well. The new telecare contract supports not only the elderly but also younger disabled adults who rely on pendant alarms or sensors (for example, individuals with epilepsy, mobility impairments, or learning disabilities living independently). Continuity of this critical assistive technology service is ensured. Telecare can be lifesaving – providing confidence that help is one button-press away for someone with a disability living alone. As noted above, the new service consolidates previous contracts and improves resilience (preventing a sudden loss of service).
Mitigations: Same as for Age – close contract management to guarantee service quality.
- **Supported Living Contracts – New Framework Rates (Adult Social Care):**
Description: A proposal to save money (approx. £750k) by moving some Learning Disability supported living services onto a new framework contract with standardised rates, including modest annual reductions in paid support hours (around 2% per year over five years through service efficiency measures). This affects supported living homes for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism across the county (in areas referred to by the

acronym “HOWDAB” – encompassing Henley, Oxford, Witney, Didcot, Abingdon, Banbury). The intent is to provide the same support outcomes more efficiently.

Impact: **Mixed** for adults with disabilities (specifically learning disabilities or mental health needs in supported living). The intended outcome is neutral or even slightly positive if reinvested – the service will continue, potentially with more consistency under one framework, and a focus on outcomes. However, there is a risk of negative impact if the reduction in support hours results in individuals not getting all the help they require for independent living. Any diminution of support must be carefully managed to avoid reducing disabled tenants’ community participation or personal care. Recognising this risk, this proposal is flagged for further detailed assessment.

Mitigations: The saving profile allows flexibility – it can be realised through back-office efficiencies or different commissioning methods rather than front-line cuts if needed. Close monitoring is planned: responsible officers will review outcomes regularly (monthly) through the rollout, to ensure residents’ wellbeing is not compromised. **This proposal remains under review** – any sign of detrimental impact on this disabled group will trigger corrective action or a pause. In short, the change will be implemented gradually and consultatively, with the paramount principle that all tenants continue to have their assessed needs fully met.

- **“Connect to Work” – Employment Support Reconfiguration (Adult Social Care):**

Description: A budget saving of £100k by integrating the Oxfordshire Employment Service (which helps adults with learning disabilities, autism, or mental health conditions to find and sustain work) into a new fully-funded “Connect to Work” programme run in partnership with Department for Work & Pensions. A new central government-funded scheme is replacing parts of the Council-run service, enabling the Council to reduce its own expenditure without withdrawing support. The new programme is intended to have wider eligibility and reach more people, funded externally.

Impact: Intended **Neutral** (no reduction in service to disabled people seeking jobs, and potentially a broader service). The proposal explicitly states that the new Connect to Work offers “far wider eligibility” and covers functions that were previously council-funded. If executed properly, people with disabilities should continue receiving employment support uninterrupted – and possibly more individuals will qualify under the new scheme than they did under the previous model. This could even be a Positive if the external funding increases capacity or introduces new support offers (like more job coaching or employer engagement).

However, there is a potential negative risk if the transition is not smooth – for example, if some current service users experience a gap during handover to the new programme, or if the new criteria exclude someone who was

previously supported. Recognising this, the change is carefully planned.

Mitigations: The Council is working closely with the DWP and other partners to ensure no current service user “falls through the cracks.” All individuals who were receiving Oxfordshire Employment Service support will be seamlessly transferred to Connect to Work or an equivalent provision. The Council’s disability employment advisers will remain involved to advocate for those with the highest needs. As with the supported living contracts, this change will be accompanied by a detailed EIA and stakeholder engagement (including users of the current service and advocacy groups for people with learning disabilities or mental health needs). This will help identify any early issues (e.g. if the new programme leaves out a certain group, the Council can plan a local solution). We will keep this under close review during 2026 – any sign of detriment (like a person losing access to help finding work) will be addressed by bridging support. The aim is that this budget saving is achieved entirely through use of external funding, with no drop in support – and that will be treated as a condition of its success, monitored by Adult Social Care commissioners.

- **Accessibility in Infrastructure Projects (Highways, ICT, Property):**

Description: Various capital and operational projects (e.g. roads and pavement improvements, new digital systems) are included in the budget. Though these are not framed as “disability” projects, they incorporate aspects that affect people with disabilities. For example, the Highways capital programme includes footpath and cycle path improvements which will incorporate accessibility features like tactile paving for visually impaired pedestrians and step-free crossings for wheelchair users and prams. Similarly, new IT investments (such as improved public-facing online systems or AI assistants for customer service) will be designed to meet modern accessibility standards (WCAG for web content), so that residents with visual, hearing, or cognitive impairments can use Council services online without barriers. These considerations are embedded in project planning as standard practice.

Impact: **Positive** for disability inclusion. By proactively embedding accessibility into these projects, the Council continues its commitment to removing barriers and promoting independent living. For instance, upgrades in town centres or along rights of way typically include features like disabled parking bays and hearing loop systems in public facilities. While these may seem like small design details, cumulatively they make Oxfordshire’s infrastructure more navigable for people with disabilities. These are incremental improvements rather than standalone budget lines, but they are important to note as part of the wider equalities impact – the Council is not deferring or cutting any planned accessibility measures due to budget, and in fact continues to invest in them.

Mitigations: The Council’s corporate accessibility policy ensures that all new

builds and digital platforms meet or exceed statutory requirements. In short, inclusion is built into project delivery. Any capital proposal that might temporarily affect disabled people (say, roadworks affecting disabled access) will have its own EIA and mitigation (like alternative routes or signage) as part of that project's management. This overarching budget does not curtail any disability accommodations; on the contrary, it preserves funding to continue such efforts.

Overall Mitigations for Disability: In summary, the budget largely protects and even enhances support for people with disabilities. Key mitigation measures:

- **No service withdrawal without replacement:** The Council will not withdraw or significantly alter services for disabled people without ensuring appropriate mitigations or replacement services are in place. For example, the Connect to Work programme is replacing a previous service – the principle is that support continues, just funded differently. Likewise, any review of supported living services will guarantee that individuals' needs continue to be met and their outcomes monitored.
- **Engagement and Co-production:** Disabled residents and advocacy groups (for example, the Oxfordshire Community Voluntary Action disability forum) will be engaged in any significant changes. Formal EIAs will highlight potential issues before decisions are finalised, and co-production will be used wherever possible to design solutions (as was done successfully in previous service redesigns).
- **Monitoring Outcomes:** The Council will enhance monitoring of outcomes for disabled service users during these changes. We will also keep an eye on indirect indicators; statutory support remains unchanged (all eligible disabled individuals will continue to receive social care based on assessed needs, as required by law), but we will watch for any early warning signs like increased carer stress or complaints.
- **Accessible Communications:** Information about service updates or changes will be made available in accessible formats – easy-read versions for those with learning disabilities, etc., as needed.

With these mitigations, the Council aims to avoid any disproportionate harm and continue advancing equality of opportunity for people with disabilities. While a few disability-related proposals carry some uncertainty and are flagged for careful oversight (as discussed), the overall thrust of the budget is to maintain or improve services that help disabled residents live independently and participate fully in community life.

Protected Characteristic: Gender Reassignment

Impact: Neutral

Context (Trans and Non-Binary Residents): The 2021 Census included, for the first time, a question on gender identity. In Oxfordshire, 3,477 residents (0.6% of people aged 16+) answered that their gender is different from their sex assigned at birth – slightly higher than the national average (0.5%). This count includes roughly 600 trans men (0.10%), 550 trans women (0.09%), and 600 non-binary or other gender-diverse people (0.10%), with the remainder of the 0.6% not specifying. Additionally, 7% of the population did not answer the gender identity question, so the true number might be a bit higher. Trans and non-binary individuals often face discrimination and higher rates of mental health challenges. The Council has policies to support trans staff and residents – for example, allowing use of preferred names/pronouns in all interactions, and supporting the LGBTQ+ community through events and youth groups. It is important to note that most council services are universal and not specifically gendered; the main aim is to ensure inclusive, respectful treatment and to remove any barriers for trans people in accessing services. (*Legal context update:* A recent UK Supreme Court judgment (*For Women Scotland Ltd v Scottish Ministers* (UKSC, 16 Apr 2025) clarified definitions related to sex and gender under the Equality Act 2010. The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is updating its Code of Practice accordingly. The Council will follow any new guidance, but at present continues its established approach of inclusion for trans and non-binary people.)

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Gender Reassignment:

- **All Budget Proposals (General):** There are no budget proposals in 2026/27 that target or differentiate services by gender identity; no specific proposal has an identified impact (positive or negative) on trans or non-binary people as a group.
- *Impact:* Taken together, the impact is **Neutral** with ongoing best practice. No service is being reduced or changed in a way that would uniquely affect transgender or non-binary people. In some cases, as services are improved generally (e.g. more things done online), this can be beneficial to trans and non-binary individuals who might otherwise face uncomfortable in-person interactions – but these are indirect, minor positives. Overall, we anticipate no negative or differential outcomes for this group from the budget.

In summary, the budget is not expected to have any disproportionate or unique impact on people due to gender reassignment. All changes are either neutral or broadly applied across the population. The key mitigation is simply maintaining our inclusive approach in implementing all proposals, ensuring that transgender and non-binary individuals continue to feel respected, welcome, and safe using Council services or working for the Council. We will remain vigilant, but at this stage no specific budget measure requires corrective action related to gender identity.

Protected Characteristic: Marriage & Civil Partnership

Impact: Neutral

Context (Marriage & Civil Partnership in Oxfordshire): This characteristic is distinct in the Equality Act – it mainly protects individuals from workplace discrimination based on marital status. In service provision, it is less frequently a factor, except in ensuring equal access for married vs. unmarried couples and recognition of civil partnerships. In Oxfordshire, the 2021 Census recorded 132,060 households of married couples and 983 households of same-sex civil partners. A significant portion of adults are married (around 47% of adults), while others cohabit or are single. The Council's Registration Service handles marriages and civil partnerships – officiating approximately 2,000 ceremonies per year (pre-COVID levels). There is no known inequality of service in that domain; same-sex couples have had access to marriage since 2014, and civil partnerships are now open to both same-sex and opposite-sex couples. In employment, the Council applies policies equally regardless of marital or partnership status (e.g. pension and next-of-kin rights, leave entitlements).

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Marriage/Civil Partnership:

- **Registration Service and Ceremony Provision:** The 2026/27 budget does **not** cut or change the Registration Service. All statutory registration functions (weddings, civil partnerships, births, deaths) continue as before.
Impact: Neutral. Couples planning to marry or form a civil partnership will see no change in fees or availability as a result of the budget. Ceremony services and appointments remain fully provided.
- **Employee Benefits/Policies:** No budget proposals affect employee benefits related to marital status. The Council will continue to ensure that policies (like parental leave, pensions, etc.) apply equally to those who are married, in civil partnerships, or neither. If any internal restructures occur, selection criteria will not include marital status (as per law and our policies).
Impact: Neutral on staff. All genders and marital statuses are treated the same, and nothing in the budget alters that.
- **Service Access:** No Council proposals create different rules for married vs. unmarried people in accessing services.

Overall, being married or in a civil partnership does not change one's service experience with the Council, and nothing in the 2026/27 budget changes that. No specific project or saving has been identified that would affect people based on this characteristic.

Mitigations (Marriage & Civil Partnership): Since no negative impacts are identified, no targeted mitigation is required. The Council will maintain its standard practice of equal treatment:

- In conclusion, the budget has no direct impact – positive or negative – on equality in relation to marriage and civil partnership. The Council will continue to provide services (like wedding ceremonies and staff benefits) in a way that treats married, civil-partnered, and unmarried people equally. We will remain vigilant to avoid any form of discrimination or differential outcome in this area, but none is anticipated from these proposals.

Protected Characteristic: Pregnancy & Maternity

Impact: Neutral

Context (Pregnancy & New Parents in Oxfordshire): Oxfordshire sees about 7,300–7,400 live births annually. In 2021, there were 7,380 births, a slight uptick (6% increase from 2020). Pregnancy and maternity as a protected characteristic is about ensuring pregnant women and new mothers are not discriminated against, particularly in employment, and that they have equal access to services. Key relevant services for this group include maternity healthcare (largely NHS-run), health visiting and children's centres (joint NHS/council responsibilities), and childcare/early education (partly council-commissioned). The Council also has duties as an employer – offering maternity leave, flexible return-to-work arrangements, etc., which it does. One direct area of Council service touching on maternity is the network of Family Centres, which provide support groups for new parents (e.g. breastfeeding support, baby clinics, stay-and-play sessions). Oxfordshire generally has good outcomes in maternity care (low teenage pregnancy rates, strong uptake of antenatal services), but rural access and support for postnatal mental health remain areas of focus. The Council works with partners to ensure services like housing and social care consider the needs of expectant and new mothers (for example, priority housing status for pregnant women at risk).

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Pregnancy/Maternity:

- **Children's Services & Family Support Funding:** The 2026/27 budget does not cut funding to Children & Family Centres or related early years support services. All existing eight Family Centres remain open with their current services.

Impact: Neutral to Positive for those who are pregnant (and their partners). This means expectant and new parents can continue to access antenatal classes, baby groups, health visitor clinics, and peer support at these centres just as before. By avoiding reductions, the Council ensures that vital preventative and support services (which can help with maternal mental health, breastfeeding, parenting skills, etc.) are sustained.

Mitigations: Because there are no changes in this area, no new mitigation is needed.

- **Workplace Policies (Council as Employer):** None of the proposals reduce staff benefits or protections around pregnancy and maternity. The Council will

continue its generous maternity leave policy and flexible working options for returning mothers.

Impact: Neutral for staff who are pregnant or on maternity leave. We will meet all our legal duties as an employer.

Overall, the budget is friendly to the needs of pregnant women and those on maternity – it does not introduce any new hardships or remove supports.

Mitigations (Pregnancy & Maternity): Given the neutral stance, the main actions are to continue current good practice:

- In summary, the 2026/27 budget is neutral regarding pregnancy and maternity. It preserves crucial community services and does not create any new barriers for this group.

Protected Characteristic: Race (including Ethnicity and National Origin)

Impact: Neutral to **Slight Positive**

Context (Ethnic Diversity in Oxfordshire): Oxfordshire's population is increasingly diverse. In 2021, about 168,000 residents (23% of the population) identified as being from a minority ethnic background (i.e., not White British), up from about 16% in 2011 – a significant rise. The largest minority groups are “White: Other” (including European nationals), Asian/Asian British (notably Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi, and Chinese communities), and Black/African/Caribbean British. For example, the county's Muslim population is roughly 23,500 (3% of residents) and Hindu population around 6,300 (1%), reflecting the size of South Asian communities. Oxford City is a minority-majority city (approximately 47% of residents are from non-White British backgrounds) while rural districts have smaller proportions (often under 10%). Race intersects with other factors – some ethnic communities experience higher deprivation (e.g. parts of East Oxford and Banbury have concentrations of South Asian and Black African families in more deprived areas) and may have language barriers or different needs in service delivery. The Council has an objective to “tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire,” which includes addressing racial inequalities. This involves ensuring equal access (e.g. offering translation of key information, culturally appropriate services where needed) and fostering a diverse workforce trained to eliminate discrimination.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Race:

- **Libraries, Hubs, and Community Services:** The budget keeps all libraries and community hubs open; no closures or reductions are proposed. This is relevant because these facilities are often vital resources for ethnic minority communities.

Impact: Neutral/Positive. By not cutting these services, minority ethnic residents continue to benefit from them. For instance, in Banbury (which has a

significant Pakistani and Bengali community), the plan for a new library in coming years is on track. In Oxford City, libraries serving diverse neighbourhoods (e.g. Cowley, Barton) remain operational; these libraries are frequented as study space for students from minority backgrounds. Maintaining these services contributes to equity by ensuring access to information and community life for all groups.

- **General Service Provision:** During the EIA process, each budget proposal was examined for disproportionate impact on any ethnic group. All proposals came out either neutral or positive in this regard. For example, savings were focused on back-office efficiencies, procurement, or countywide service areas rather than specific community grants or cultural services. This approach avoids unintentionally hitting disadvantaged or minority communities that often rely on public services. Additionally, many of the investments in this budget (transport, libraries, social care) benefit areas with diverse populations, thereby indirectly supporting racial equality by improving services in urban and deprived locales where more minority residents live.

Impact Summary: None of the budget changes are designed in a way that differentiates by race, and because we have largely protected frontline and community services, people of all ethnic backgrounds will continue to access services similarly to before. If anything, maintaining services in areas of need (which often have higher minority populations) is a slight positive for race equality outcomes.

Mitigations (Race/Ethnicity): Even with no direct harms identified, the Council will take steps to promote race equality through implementation:

- **Continued Support for Minority Community Groups:** The budget includes a £100k Discretionary Rent Concession fund to help voluntary/community groups with premises costs. Several of these groups in Council properties serve ethnic minority communities (e.g. community associations for particular national groups, advice centres in East Oxford). By funding this concession, the Council indirectly supports those groups' sustainability
- **Inclusive Consultation & Communication:** As we roll out changes or new initiatives, we will use culturally appropriate engagement.

In conclusion, none of the 2026/27 budget measures create an inherent disadvantage based on race or ethnicity. By maintaining key services and targeted support, the Council upholds its Public Sector Equality Duty to foster good relations and advance equality for Oxfordshire's diverse population. The above mitigation and engagement steps will help ensure that as changes are put into practice, racial and cultural differences are respected and catered for, keeping the impact neutral or better for all communities.

Protected Characteristic: Religion or Belief

Impact: Neutral

Context (Religion in Oxfordshire): Oxfordshire has a mix of religious affiliations. In the 2021 Census, about 47% of residents identified as Christian (down from 60% in 2011), 40% stated they have no religion (up from 28%), and the remainder belong to other faiths or did not answer. The largest minority faith communities are Muslims (3% of the population, as mentioned 23,500 people) and Hindus (1%, 6,300 people), followed by smaller numbers of Buddhists, Jews, Sikhs, and others. There is also a growing secular/non-religious population. The Council's services must accommodate religious needs where relevant (for example, providing halal or other special dietary options in social care meals, allowing prayer space or breaks for employees, scheduling around major religious holidays for important public events). The Council also has staff networks and community forums that include faith representatives to ensure inclusion.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Religion/Belief:

- **Operational Services:** None of the budget changes adversely affect how any religious group accesses Council services.
Impact: Neutral. People of all faiths (or none) will experience Council services much as before.
- **Employee Considerations:** The Council will continue to support employees' religious observance needs (e.g. flexible leave for Diwali, Eid, Yom Kippur, etc.) per HR policies.
Impact: Neutral for Council staff of various faiths.

In general, no religious or faith group should experience any change in how they access services or are treated due to this budget.

Mitigations (Religion or Belief):

- **Respectful Implementation:** As we implement any changes or new initiatives, we will remain mindful of religious calendars and needs. For example, if a public consultation meeting about a budget-related service change were needed, we would avoid scheduling it on major religious holidays or at times of day that might exclude observant practitioners (e.g. avoiding dusk during Ramadan fast breaking time if consulting a Muslim-majority community).
- **Engagement with Faith Communities:** The Council will continue to use its Faith Forums and direct contacts with religious leaders to disseminate important information about services or changes.
- **Equal Treatment in Service Design:** We will maintain our approach that council services are provided in a secular, impartial way but are accommodating in practice.

- **Monitor Feedback:** We will monitor any complaints or feedback that might indicate a religion/belief issue emerging indirectly.

Overall, the budget is neutral regarding religion and belief. It continues the Council's approach of providing services in a way that people of all faiths (and none) can use them without barriers. The mitigations above are ongoing good practices to ensure that remains the case through any service adjustments.

Protected Characteristic: Sex

Impact: Neutral

Context: This section considers the impacts on people due to sex (being male or female). Oxfordshire's population is almost evenly split by sex – about 50.1% female and 49.9% male. Many Council services are used roughly equally by all genders (roads, waste disposal, libraries, etc.), but some services and outcomes have a gender dimension. For example, women make up the majority of older service users in adult social care (because women live longer on average) and also form the majority of carers both paid and unpaid. Certain Council initiatives specifically focus on one sex – for instance, domestic abuse services primarily support women (though male victims are also supported), and some public health programmes target men's health or women's health issues. In the Council's workforce, women are well-represented overall but concentrated in particular sectors (e.g. social care and customer services have predominantly female staff, whereas the fire service and some highways teams are predominantly male). Ensuring budget decisions do not inadvertently create or exacerbate gender inequalities – either among the public or our staff – is important. We also consider representation and voice: ensuring both men and women have their say in consultations and service design.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Sex:

- **Domestic Abuse Services (Community Safety):** The budget does not reduce support for domestic abuse victims or prevention services. The domestic abuse budget, which is largely funded via government grants and our Community Safety funds, is maintained.
Impact: Positive for women, who are the majority of domestic abuse survivors. Services like refuges, helplines, and advocacy for victims (e.g. the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor service) remain in place and are being expanded to meet legal duties. The Council's commitment to domestic abuse services means that women facing abuse will continue to have access to support and a route to safety. Male victims of domestic abuse (who form a smaller proportion) also continue to have access to support – this remains unchanged.
- **Services for Children and Families:** No cuts to childcare, early years, or parenting programmes are in the budget (as noted under Age). Consequently,

support that often benefits women – who still frequently are primary caregivers – remains intact.

Impact: Neutral/Positive for women (and for fathers too, but mothers statistically use these services more). Keeping these services open ensures women are not further burdened at home due to service withdrawal.

- **Adult Social Care and Carers:** The budget invests in adult social care to meet demand (see Age and Disability sections). This benefits both men and women in need of care, but it is worth noting that a large proportion of carers (both paid care workers and informal family carers) are women. *Impact: Neutral* (with a preventative positive effect for many women carers).
- **No Disproportionate Reductions in Any Gender-Skewed Service:** We have not identified any service cut that would primarily hit one gender.

Mitigations (Sex): Since the impact is assessed as neutral, no major mitigation is required specifically on the basis of sex. In summary, we expect neither men nor women to be adversely impacted by these budget proposals. We have highlighted positive steps, such as continuing funding for domestic abuse support (benefiting women's safety) and ensuring social care is funded (indirectly relieving many women carers). Mitigations are largely about continuing these vigilant practices and making sure implementation of the budget is fair.

Protected Characteristic: Sexual Orientation

Impact: Neutral

Context: Oxfordshire has a sizeable LGBTQ+ population, though exact numbers are not precisely known. National estimates suggest around 2–3% of people identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB), which in Oxfordshire's population would be on the order of 15,000–20,000 people, but this may be an underestimate as younger generations report higher percentages and not everyone declares it. The 2021 Census included a question on sexual orientation for the first time, and results for Oxfordshire show a few percent identifying as LGB+ (with a significant portion not answering). In recent years, public acceptance in Oxfordshire is generally high, and the Council has been supportive of LGBTQ+ visibility (e.g. flying the Pride flag during Pride month, supporting LGBT History Month events). The Council also has an internal LGBTQ+ staff network and supports youth groups like TOPAZ and MyNormal (which are for LGBTQ+ young people, often funded via community grants or youth service support). Key considerations for this protected characteristic often involve ensuring that policies (from housing allocations to social care assessments) treat same-sex couples equally to different-sex couples and that any needs specific to LGB individuals (such as older LGBTQ+ people who may lack traditional family support networks) are not overlooked.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Sexual Orientation:

The budget has *no* proposals that explicitly or implicitly draw distinctions based on sexual orientation. All services remain available regardless of whom one loves, and none of the changes create barriers unique to LGB individuals. For instance:

- **Access to Services:** Library memberships, school admissions, social care eligibility, etc., remain based on need and circumstance, not orientation. Nothing in the budget or its implementation will alter these fundamental equalities.
- **Community Support and Events:** The Council provides some support to community initiatives, including those for LGBTQ+ people. Typically, these might be small grants for events (e.g. Oxford Pride celebrations, LGBTQ+ history exhibitions) or officer support for internal networks.

Given all the above, the effect of the 2026/27 budget on sexual orientation is **neutral**. There are no differential outcomes expected.

Mitigations (Sexual Orientation): The Council will continue its inclusive practices to ensure the impact stays neutral:

- **Inclusive Engagement:** For any public engagement related to budget changes, we will ensure outreach to LGBTQ+ communities where appropriate.
- In summary, we foresee a neutral impact on residents and staff regardless of sexual orientation. The Council's ongoing commitment to equality and inclusion for LGBTQ+ people will ensure support and visibility are maintained.

Section 3 (continued): Additional Community Impacts

Beyond the nine protected characteristics, the Council also considers impacts on other groups that are important in our local context, such as rural communities, the armed forces community, carers, and those facing socio-economic disadvantage. While not mandated by the Equality Act, assessing these areas aligns with our commitment to fairness and the spirit of the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance priorities. Below, we outline these additional impacts.

Additional Community Impact: Rural Communities

Impact: Positive

Context (Rural Oxfordshire): A significant portion of Oxfordshire's population lives in rural areas. Outside of Oxford and the larger towns, we have hundreds of villages and hamlets. Roughly one-third of residents live in settlements under 10,000 population. Rural communities face distinct challenges: limited public transport, greater reliance on cars and local roads, fewer local services (post offices, shops, schools may be farther away), and often a higher average age profile (many rural villages have older populations as younger people sometimes migrate to cities). On the other hand, rural areas generally have lower rates of deprivation than urban centres in Oxfordshire, but issues like isolation, access to healthcare, and digital connectivity remain concerns. The Council aims to 'rural proof' its policies, meaning we check that decisions do not inadvertently disadvantage those in the countryside.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Rural Communities:

- Highways Maintenance, infrastructure and HGV Traffic Pilot**

(Environment & Highways/ Economy & Place):

Rural areas will benefit from the significant capital and maintenance funding allocated to highways. The budget ensures that routine road maintenance (pothole repairs, resurfacing) continues across the network, much of which is rural roads. Additionally, the Drainage interventions project (£4m over two years) will proactively fix drainage on roads to prevent flooding – many rural lanes flood in heavy rain, so this project will directly help rural communities by keeping roads passable and reducing property flood risk.

- The HGV traffic restriction pilot is targeted at rural towns/villages (like the Henley area and Windrush valley) to reduce lorry through-traffic on unsuitable roads. If effective, this will significantly improve quality of life in those rural areas (less noise, safer roads, less damage to roads/bridges). The budget provides £1.6m in 26/27 (and more in future years) to implement recommendations from the pilot studies – a clear plus for those rural communities affected by heavy traffic. Another funded project is the Wantage Market**

Place pedestrianisation scheme (£150k) – while Wantage is a market town (semi-rural), this will enhance its town centre for pedestrians, benefiting local

residents and businesses by creating a more pleasant, accessible environment.
(Impact of infrastructure projects

- *Impact: Positive* for rural communities. Well-maintained rural roads improve safety and connectivity for those living in smaller villages and farming areas – fewer potholes and better drainage mean less risk of accidents or isolation due to impassable roads. The HGV pilot should enhance quality of life in affected rural towns/villages by reducing heavy lorry traffic: villagers will experience less noise, vibration (which can damage old cottages and church buildings), and pollution on their narrow streets. It also can prolong the life of rural roads and bridges not designed for modern HGV weights. Better drainage and flooding measures improve both physical and psychological safety for residents in communities who have long suffered with the challenges posed by adverse seasonal weather resulting in flooding. There is a great amount of benefit in the pedestrianisation of Wantage Market Place. Improved accessibility, and a more pleasant environment benefits local residents and businesses, and offers further opportunities to meet in the local community in a safe and equitable way.
- *Mitigations:* The highways maintenance programme will be scheduled considerately to avoid cutting off villages for extended periods during works. Advanced notice and alternative route signage are standard practice and will continue. For the HGV pilot, mitigation focuses on monitoring unintended consequences – e.g., ensuring one village's restriction does not simply push trucks into another equally unsuitable route.

In summary, the budget explicitly considers rural needs and allocates resources to improve conditions in the countryside. There is no urban-centric reallocation that leaves villages worse off; indeed, rural communities see direct investment.

Mitigations (Rural Communities):

- **Communication Infrastructure:** Recognising that rural communities may have communication challenges (some areas still suffer from poor broadband or mobile connectivity, and not everyone reads social media), the Council will use appropriate channels to reach residents about new or changing services.

Given these proposals, rural communities stand to gain from the 2026/27 budget. The mitigations are mostly about ensuring these gains are fully realised across our villages and are sustained beyond the initial launch.

Additional Community Impact: Armed Forces Community (Serving personnel, veterans, and families)

Impact: Neutral

Context (Armed Forces in Oxfordshire): Oxfordshire is home to a notable Armed Forces presence, including the large RAF Brize Norton airbase, smaller Army reserve units, and many veterans who have settled in the area post-service. According to Ministry of Defence data, we have around 5,800 service personnel stationed here and 23,541 veterans in Oxfordshire. Under the Armed Forces Covenant, the Council and its partners commit to ensuring that those who serve or have served, and their families, are not disadvantaged in accessing public services, and that special consideration is given in certain circumstances (especially for bereaved families or those injured in service). The Council has a Civilian-Military Partnership that meets regularly to address issues like school admissions for service children (who often move frequently), healthcare for veterans, and advice services. OCC has achieved Gold status in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme for our support to the Armed Forces community as an employer.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Armed Forces Community:

- **Armed Forces Covenant Work:** The Council's work to support Armed Forces Covenant activities (such as supporting the partnership board, s, or contributing to events like Armed Forces Day) will continue to ensure service families and veterans are integrated and supported.
Impact: Positive (sustained). The Armed Forces Community – including serving personnel, spouses, children, and veterans – will see no reduction in the Council's commitment.

No instances were identified where a budget cut would negatively impact Armed Forces communities.

Impact: Neutral (possibly slight positive in that continued focus means previously identified issues can be worked on).

Mitigations (Armed Forces Community):

- **Covenant Governance:** The Oxfordshire Civilian-Military Partnership Board (which includes Council, military, health, education and charity representatives) will continue to review any major service changes for Covenant compliance.

In summary, the duties and support for the Armed Forces community are upheld in this budget. There is no detriment to armed forces personnel or families, and the mitigations are continuations of how we honour the Covenant in practice.

Additional Community Impact: Carers (Unpaid family/friend carers for adults or children)

Impact: Neutral to Positive

Context (Unpaid Carers in Oxfordshire): Carers are people who provide informal, unpaid care to relatives or friends due to illness, disability, or age. According to the 2021 Census, Oxfordshire had 52,674 residents providing some level of unpaid care – about 10% of the population. Notably, 13,636 people provide over 50 hours of care a week (2.8% of residents); this group often experiences significant strain and a higher likelihood of health problems themselves. Carers are spread across all ages – including young carers (under 18s caring for a parent or sibling). Areas of Oxfordshire with higher deprivation (parts of Oxford city like Blackbird Leys, parts of Banbury) have slightly higher rates of intense caring (up to 4-5% of residents providing 50+ hours). The Council and NHS support carers through information/advice services (like **Carers Oxfordshire**, which we commission), carers' assessments (which can lead to respite services or direct payments), and various community grants (for carer support groups, breaks, etc.). A key equality concern is that carers, while not a protected group in law, are often impacted by changes to services for the cared-for person – if formal services are cut, the burden falls back on carers (often disproportionately on women as noted). Conversely, investments in services can ease carers' loads.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Carers:

- **Adult Social Care Funding Increases:** As detailed earlier, the budget puts extra resources into adult social care to meet the rising demand. This means eligible needs of people receiving care can continue to be met mostly through formal services (home care, day services, etc.), rather than expecting families to fill gaps.

Impact: Positive for carers. By bolstering formal care provision, the Council ensures that family carers are not asked to do even more than they already are.

- **Supported Living Contract Changes (Learning Disability services):** One flagged area that could affect carers is the proposal to achieve efficiency savings in supported living for adults with learning disabilities (the HOWDAB contracts). If not handled carefully, a slight reduction in paid support hours might mean families (ageing parents of learning-disabled adults, for instance) could be asked to provide additional help or supervision. This is recognised as a potential risk.

Impact on carers: Potentially Negative if mismanaged.

Mitigations for carers: The Council has committed that any changes in supported living will involve thorough consultation, including with families of those in supported living. We will conduct a full EIA specifically for this change, which will explicitly assess carer impact. If it appears that a particular planned reduction would shift care tasks to families, we will reconsider or put in mitigating actions.

- **Young Carers Support:** Under Children's Services, our support for young carers (those under 18 who have caring responsibilities) continues. The

Council funds a young carers' team (which works with schools to identify young carers and provides activities and support through a commissioned provider). There are around 800 known young carers in Oxfordshire receiving support. The budget does not cut this.

Impact: Neutral. Young carers will still receive help like homework clubs, or having a designated staff member to talk to. Not cutting this service means we avoid a negative impact on a group that often has poorer educational and social outcomes if left unsupported.

In summary, carers as a group benefit from the budget's protection of social care services and are not targeted by any cut. The only area of caution is the efficiency in adult disability services, which will be carefully handled to avoid shifting burden to families.

Mitigations (Carers):

- **Consult Carers in Service Changes:** For any changes to services used by cared-for persons, the Council will actively seek input from their family carers.
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Overall, the budget largely supports carers by sustaining or improving services for those they care for and by not reducing direct support to carers themselves. The only caution is around the supported living efficiency – which, with the mitigations planned, aims to be achieved in a way that does not harm carers' wellbeing. We believe, with these measures, the net impact on carers will be neutral or slightly positive (owing to general service improvements and no new burdens placed on them).

Additional Community Impact: Areas of Deprivation / Socio-Economic Disadvantage

(Note: Socio-economic status is not a protected characteristic in law, but the Council chooses to consider it in our EIAs, in line with our commitment to tackling inequality.)

Impact: Neutral (some targeted positives)

Context (Deprivation in Oxfordshire): Oxfordshire is overall one of the least deprived counties in England, but it contains pockets of significant deprivation. According to the Indices of Deprivation 2025, there are 2 small areas (Lower Super Output Areas, each a few thousand people) in Oxford City that rank in the most deprived 10% nationally, and 9 areas in the most deprived 20%. These include parts of Oxford (Blackbird Leys, Rose Hill, Littlemore), parts of Banbury (Grimsbury and Ruscote wards), an area in Abingdon and one in Witney. These communities often face higher unemployment, lower incomes, poorer health outcomes, and lower educational attainment. Additionally, the high cost of living (especially housing) in Oxfordshire means that even some working families struggle financially – so socio-economic disadvantage can be widespread in certain respects (e.g. many families

qualify for some level of Council Tax Reduction or other support). The Council has adopted the principle of considering socio-economic "poverty" impacts to ensure our policies do not widen inequalities. Key issues include: ensuring charges for services remain fair, that we continue support for those on low incomes (like welfare assistance), and that we channel resources to where need is greatest.

Budget Proposals & Impacts on Socio-Economic Disadvantage:

- **Council Tax and Council Tax Reduction (CTR):** The budget for 2026/27 assumes a Council Tax increase (within referendum limits). Recognising that this can be regressive (a flat percentage tax affects lower incomes more), mitigation largely lies with the District Councils' CTR schemes (which the county does not set but works closely with districts on). All Oxfordshire district councils have chosen to maintain or slightly enhance their CTR schemes for 2026/27, meaning households on the lowest incomes continue to get a significant reduction or complete exemption from Council Tax.
Impact: Mitigated Neutral. A low-income household on benefits in Oxfordshire will still pay little or no council tax, so the budget's council tax rise does not directly hit them.
- **Household Support & Welfare Assistance:** The budget includes the continued use of national grants like the Household Support Fund (HSF) to help residents with essential costs (food, energy) during the ongoing cost-of-living pressures. While this is ring-fenced government money, the Council's role is to ensure it is distributed effectively to those in need in our communities. *Impact: Positive* for people on low incomes/in poverty. Struggling families will continue to access emergency support when needed. No reduction in that frontline assistance means we are still addressing socio-economic inequality.
- **Service Access Costs:** A principle in the budget has been to avoid introducing any new charges that would disproportionately affect those on low incomes. For example, there was no new charge introduced for formerly free services. Maintaining free library services (including free internet access in libraries) is very important for low-income residents who may not have broadband. *Impact: Neutral to Positive* – by preventing additional costs for individuals, the Council is not exacerbating financial hardship.
- **Services in Deprived Areas:** We paid special attention to not cutting services that are heavily used in our more deprived communities. The budget sets aside public health funding for targeted community initiatives to continue. Also, as part of budget negotiations, the Council decided to fund some specific initiatives that benefit deprived communities, such as discretionary rent relief for charitable groups (£100k) which helps, among others, some food banks and family centres in poorer areas by removing rental costs.
Impact: Positive as far as targeted help continues for those communities.

- **Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Support:** The budget includes an item of £100k to extend discretionary rent concessions for voluntary groups using Council-owned premises (as mentioned under Race, but it is a socio-economic measure too). Many of these groups directly support disadvantaged populations – e.g., food banks, advice centres, children’s charities. By waiving their rent, we enable them to focus resources on service delivery. This is a clear positive for those who rely on these charities (often low-income residents).

To summarise: the 2026/27 budget does not worsen socio-economic inequalities in Oxfordshire; it maintains support for low-income groups and even improves certain aspects (through things like targeted funds).

Mitigations (Socio-Economic):

- **Proactive Outreach:** We will ensure that people in the most deprived areas are aware of the services and support that the budget sustains or enhances.

Overall, the Council has taken a cautious approach to ensure this budget is as fair as possible socio-economically. Many proposals actively cushion or improve the situation for those with fewer resources. With mitigations focused on maintaining that fairness in implementation, we assess the impact as neutral (not aggravating inequality, possibly slightly improving it through targeted measures).

Health Impact Statement

Overall, the proposed Capital programme shows predominantly positive or “likely good” health impacts, especially where projects enhance access to nature, active travel, and community infrastructure. Examples include the Oxfordshire Tree Propagation Project, library refurbishments (e.g., Wantage, Goring, Didcot), Benson Mobility Hub, Controlled Parking Zones, and reuse initiatives linked to HWRCs—each of which can social connection physical activity, affordability, and air quality improvements. Several highway and safety schemes (e.g., Road Safety, A34 Lodge Hill, Didcot central corridor) also align with injury prevention and modal shift objectives. These strengths are consistent with core Health Impact Assessment principles that seek to maximise benefits across the wider determinants of health, particularly where green and blue infrastructure and walkability are designed in from the outset.

However, the review identifies material gaps that should be addressed to meet a Health in All Policies approach to tackle inequalities. Several schemes have insufficient detail or reference to health outcomes, where health could be negatively impacted (e.g., Improving Highway network, Bridges, or ARP Phase 3 – reduction of OCC estate, North Oxford Fire), with limited coverage of rural communities relative

to towns and insufficient plans to monitor and evaluate health outcomes (e.g., no clear research/evaluation proposals, nor metrics to track equity impacts over time). To mitigate these risks, schemes should explicitly reference Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Oxfordshire as a Marmot Place, commit to green infrastructure and access to nature actions and include longitudinal evaluation plans to capture benefits and unintended consequences, so that other priorities do not widen health inequalities.

Additional Community Impact: Other Considerations (Staff and Social Value)

Finally, a brief note on some other considerations not covered above:

- **Impact on Council Staff:** The budget includes some efficiency measures that affect staff, but these are handled via our organisational change processes with full staff consultation and support. No across-the-board job cuts or pay cuts are instituted; instead, any staffing impacts are limited to specific restructures. The Council has provided for the nationally negotiated pay award in the budget, so staff will get the expected pay rise – that is a positive for staff welfare and helps lower-paid staff cope with inflation. We anticipate the overall impact on the Council workforce to be largely neutral; we will monitor staff morale through our regular surveys to ensure the changes are not causing undue stress. Wellbeing resources remain available for any staff affected by changes.
- **Impact on Service Providers / Contractors:** Many Council services are delivered by external providers (care agencies, charities, etc.). The budget provides inflationary uplifts for key contracts (like adult social care providers, transport operators), which helps prevent provider failure that could disrupt services to residents. For voluntary sector partners, we maintained grant funding and even bolstered it in some cases. This strengthens the sector's capacity to support communities (especially protected groups and deprived communities).
- **Social Value:** The Council includes social value clauses in procurement. Nothing in the budget reduces our commitment to social value in contracts. Conversely, as we invest in capital projects and new contracts, we have opportunities to generate more social value. We will pursue those in each relevant procurement.
- **Fees and charges:** The council has not introduced any new fees or charges for services that were previously free for Oxfordshire residents. New charges have been introduced for non-Oxfordshire residents wishing to use our HWRCs, which means that those from neighboring areas will be contributing to the upkeep of our services in a more equitable way.

Section 4: Future Monitoring

Although many proposals are still in design phase, it is our view that the budget does not unduly negatively impact communities in respect to our statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As we progress from design into implementation stages and beyond, we will regularly review our proposals, develop complete EIAs and ensure that we are working collaboratively with communities and partners to develop the best possible outcomes. We will keep a close eye on the actual impacts as the budget is put into action:

- We will check in with services to make sure that we are implementing inclusive services and programmes of work, and where we anticipate any negative impacts, we address those within dedicated EIAs.
- If any unintended problem comes up – for example, if a particular group of people feels a decision has caused them difficulty – we will investigate and try to fix it. The council will always take on board the views and challenges of residents.
- We will also continue to do what we can to improve equality in Oxfordshire, not just avoid harm. That means seeking opportunities, like making our services more accessible, encouraging diverse participation in consultations, and supporting community projects that promote fairness.

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Annex 4b

Oxfordshire County Council

Budget and Business Planning 2026/27

Overarching climate impact review of 2026/27 budget proposals

Context & Background

1. This document provides an overview of the potential climate action impact of proposed changes to the budget.
2. As many schemes are in early development, further climate assessment will be undertaken as more detailed business cases are developed through the capital governance process.
3. On 4th November 2025, Council approved the [Strategic Plan 2025-2028 \(pdf format, 5.6 MB\)](#). This builds on the 2022-2025 plan and retains the overarching vision of a greener, fairer and healthier Oxfordshire. This is centred around strong and connected communities, healthy places to live, and a thriving local economy that benefits everyone. This commitment is strengthened further by the Councils' priority to 'put action to address the climate emergency at the heart of our work'. The council's adopted climate action framework also commits the council to:
 - Being carbon neutral in its operations by 2030
 - Enabling a zero-carbon Oxfordshire well ahead of 2050

In addition, aligned climate action targets and commitments have been included in Oxfordshire's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan:

- Achieving a net zero transport network by 2040
- Take into account embodied, operational and user emissions when assessing a potential infrastructure project and its contribution to Oxfordshire's carbon budget and to a net-zero transport network by 2040
- Use PAS 2080 to assess, manage and minimise carbon emissions in transport infrastructure projects throughout the project lifecycle, including maintenance.

4. The council has a cross-organisational work programme to deliver on these commitments. The latest report on this programme can be found at [Decision - Climate Action Programme Six Month Update | Oxfordshire County Council](#)
5. In July 2024 a new government took power proposing new policies for the delivery of the national Net Zero target by 2050. This is outside the scope of this report, but central government funding will be a key factor in enabling the delivery of local

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climate objectives. Decisions made by central government in this context will also influence private sector investment in this area.

Revenue Proposals Climate Impact Review

6. A number of proposals are included in the budget that impact positively the delivery of the council's Climate Action commitments **whilst promoting cost savings including:**

- **Utility cost savings.** Partially as of energy efficiency measures (item RES106) adopted in OCC properties, both cost and carbon reductions will continue to be delivered in 2026/27.
- **Investment in procurement for cost reduction which will also favour carbon reduction.** Procurement service is proposing to invest to enhance its department's capacity and capabilities to develop savings in 2026/27 (item RES102). This investment will allow the procurement service to deliver savings whilst implementing the recently approved Ethical Procurement Policy which includes climate requirements aligned the previous supply chain carbon emissions policy and the adoption of principles of carbon governance in procurement such as PAS2080. PAS2080 is a governance standard in infrastructure that has shown that both cost and carbon reduction can be achieved in infrastructure projects.

7. A number of proposals are included in the budget that impact positively the delivery of the council's Climate Action commitments **whilst improving air quality across Oxfordshire including:**

- **Investment in improved bus services,** the Council has invested in real time passenger information assets across the bus network as part of Bus Service Improvement Plans. In 2026/27 the Council is further investing in properly maintaining such assets (2026E&H5) so they continue enhancing the bus service across Oxfordshire and therefore improve bus adoption an objective in OCC's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan which in turn will contribute to achieving the council's LTCP target for a Net Zero transport network by 2040.
- **Keeping as much as possible the subsidy for P&R ride joint ticket.** The council currently subsidises the park and ride joint ticket which has been very successful. Nevertheless, the level of success has been larger than anticipated and the council is proposing to allocate more funds for subsidizing this joint ticket. If approved this additional funding will contribute to reducing car dependence, improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions, all of these objectives included in the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.
- **Energy from waste to be included in UK's Emissions Trading Scheme.** Energy from waste incineration will be brought into the UK Emissions Trading Scheme from 2028 to incentivise decarbonisation of the sector. It is expected

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that the costs of carbon trading arising from the fossil carbon element of residual waste delivered to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility, such as plastic waste, will be passed to the council. The council is proposing provisions to prepare a strategy for this change in policy (item 2026 EH&9). There remain uncertainties about how the scheme will be implemented, although central government has recognised the need for supporting local government and may partially cover the costs. Ways of mitigating the additional cost by bringing down waste are being considered with the contractor, including working in partnership with the district councils to reduce residual waste through more recycling, the contribution that might be made by implementation of national waste policy changes.

- **Reducing air pollution from waste burning emissions:** the council is investing in reducing air quality emissions (NOx) resulting from burning the residual waste delivered to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility as a result of a new law requiring limiting air pollution (2026E&H3). This investment will improve local air quality in Oxfordshire improving health of its citizens and given that NOx emissions also contribute to global warming, this initiative will also have positive impacts in mitigating climate change.
- 8. A number of proposals are included in the budget that impact positively the delivery of the council's Climate Action commitments **whilst promoting Oxfordshire's biodiversity:**
 - **Dealing with tree ash dieback disease in Oxfordshire:** Ash species make up 12% of OCC's Highway tree stock (~400000 trees total) which aligns with data advising 13% of Oxfordshire's treescape is ash species. Ash Dieback (ADB) is a fungal disease that is airborne and once trees become infected, there is no known cure. As the disease progresses, action must be taken to prune or fell them. ADB has become more prevalent across Oxfordshire in the last 18-24 months with ash trees exhibiting signs of decline. Through initial assessment, we have seen an increasing presence of the disease across the county. The broader impact will provide a large landscape-scale loss which will change the amenity and visual landscape of Oxfordshire. This project aims to address the emerging issue as a proactive programme of assessment, inspection and intervention.
 - **Increased funding for the delivery of Local Nature Recovery Strategy:** the council contributes to fund an external partner to manage 200+ Local Wildlife Sites. The existing funding is insufficient, and the nature sites manager have asked all partners for additional funding. This is part of delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and our Biodiversity Action Framework and the percentage of LWS in active management is a Corporate KPI.

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9. One proposal entails further collaboration with contractors to understand the magnitude of the potential climate impact in **OCC 2030 carbon neutrality target and net zero target well ahead of 2050:**
 - **Investment in Microsoft CoPilot licenses:** the council is investing in Microsoft CoPilot licenses in 2026/27 (RES101). The emergence of AI and the increasing energy demands, and further environmental pressures of data centres require a responsible approach to manage the potential climate and environmental impacts of this emerging technology. OCC has identified the need for a sustainability policy and/or framework based on the precautionary principle that can guide the responsible use of AI. For this purpose, in 2026/27 the council will build upon the UK's Royal College of Engineering "[Foundations for Environmentally Sustainable AI](#)" to develop a policy framework for the responsible use of AI and guide decision making around this technology.

Capital Proposals Climate Impact Review

10. Proposals have been made within the programme that support OCC's target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 **whilst supporting community services.**
 - **Expansion of Bicester Community Support Services:** This investment will deliver an extension and internal refurbishment works to expand capacity and enhance the functionality of Bicester Community Support Service. This will improve service delivery, accessibility, and overall user experience for the local community.
 - **Works to the Forum, Kidlington:** This project will deliver agile workspaces for Oxfordshire County Council partners at the Forum, Kidlington. It will also provide welcoming facilities for families and children visiting social services.
 - **Expansion of Didcot Library:** Investment into Didcot Library will deliver expanded capacity and will improve facilities. This will create a more accessible, modern space that supports a wider range of services and community needs.
 - **Works to Wantage Library:** The investment in Wantage Library will create a flexible, accessible space that supports a wider range of activities and resources. The improvements aim to enhance facilities and capacity, promoting learning, engagement, and inclusion while delivering a modern library experience for all users.
 - **Works to Goring Library:** Improvement works to Goring Library will enable the service to expand its offering and better meet the needs of the local community. The project will deliver a more flexible and accessible space, supporting a wider range of activities and resources. This will promote learning, engagement and inclusion, providing a modern library experience for all users.
 - **Additional Community Facilities in Libraries:** This fund will support investment into a number of libraries enabling improved community facilities and spaces, including meeting rooms, small pods, charging spaces and study

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spaces. These interventions will support greater community engagement, cultural activities and access to services across the County.

- **Replacement of Woodeaton School:** The proposed investment, which is in addition to other funding, will fund the relocation of Woodeaton Manor Special School into a modern, purpose-built facility, providing improved learning environments and enhanced accessibility to better support pupils' educational and wellbeing needs.

11. Proposals have been made within the programme that have clear potential to support the **adaptation to climate change impacts**.

- **Investment into Drainage Infrastructure:** This investment will deliver highway drainage system repairs to ensure that the increased gully emptying regime delivers the expected benefits. The new gully emptying programme has identified a number of new issues that were not previously known.

12. Proposals have been made in this budget to **enabling a net zero county by 2050 and promote nature recovery**:

- **Ash Die Back tree stock replacement:** This project will deliver a proactive approach to managing Ash Dieback, which has been increasingly prevalent across Oxfordshire, with trees showing significant decline. The proposed investment is to replace the Council's highway tree stock as the programme to assess and respond to infected trees is initiated.
- **Oxfordshire Tree Project:** This investment will establish a sustainable tree propagation unit in central Oxfordshire to supply locally sourced trees for public projects and will become a hub for community-led satellite nurseries. This initiative will deliver environmental, societal and educational benefits, whilst supporting long-term sustainability. It will also enable the Council to replenish trees lost to Ash Dieback by utilising its own stock, thereby delivering cost benefits by avoiding external sourcing.

13. Proposals have been made that contribute to **better manage waste** whilst reducing carbon emissions:

- **New Bicester HWRC:** The project will deliver a modern Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Bicester, replacing Ardley Fields, to improve access, increase capacity, and support sustainable waste management for the growing community.
- **HWRC Capital Site Maintenance:** The Council plans to carry out essential repair and maintenance works across several Household Waste and Recycling Centre sites over the next two years. These improvements will ensure the facilities remain safe, functional, and fit for purpose for both Oxfordshire residents and the site operatives who manage day-to-day operations.

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14. Proposals have been made within the programme that have clear potential to **impact positively to the county's capacity to achieve a net zero transport network by 2040.**
 - **Investment to deliver Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs):** The investment will deliver schemes that will promote active travelling. Therefore this investment will contribute to reduce car trips in alignment with targets in the council's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.
 - **Quiet Lanes Programme.** The Quiet Lanes programme aims to pilot a range of interventions to make minor roads safer and more comfortable for walking, cycling and horse-riding. This initiative seeks to enhance local and county-wide connectivity for non-motorised users whilst promoting sustainable travel options.
 - **The Rights of Way Bridges Capital Programme** ensures Oxfordshire's 2,970 footpath bridges are maintained, refurbished, or replaced to meet safety standards and accessibility principles. This investment ensures that this ongoing work to keep the network connected, safe, and fit for purpose. It will also ensure that there is the flexibility to respond to urgent repairs and unforeseen events.
 - **Heavy Goods Vehicles Pilot Interventions:** This programme will deliver targeted improvements based on the findings of the 2024/25 High Goods Vehicle (HGV) studies, aiming to enhance road safety, reduce congestion, and support sustainable freight movement across Oxfordshire.
 - **Abbey Meadows Bridge:** The bridge between Abbey Meadows and Barton Fields in Abingdon is overdue a replacement as the structure is made from timber and has gradients that do not comply with the Equalities Act. Works have begun with M-Group to design the bridge in accordance with the Equalities Act to achieve gradients of 1:20 minimum to allow all users to access the bridge and the green spaces it connects to. M-Group is a PAS2080 certified contractor with Science Based Carbon reduction targets.
15. Proposals have been made within the programme that have potential **to improve the public realms whilst promoting active travelling** and therefore reduce emissions:
 - **Public Realm Improvements:** This additional funding will enable a greater level of maintenance to take place in our Towns and City targeted at public realm assets which will sustain and strengthen their appeal as vibrant destinations for local communities, visitors, and inward investment.
 - **Wantage Market Place:** This investment will progress design and construction for Phase 1 of the Wantage Market Place project, focusing on the West End.

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Building on previous design work and consultation, the scheme will replace the tarmac surface with paving in keeping with the historic town centre, creating a safe, traffic-free space with step-free access. The project will enhance the local environment, support businesses, and provide an attractive setting for markets, events, and community activity.

- **Oxford City Centre Regeneration:** Regeneration and public realm improvements in Oxford city centre will benefit both businesses, residents and visitors, creating vibrant streets and beautiful spaces that reflect Oxford's international reputation for quality and excellence, supporting the thriving local retail and hospitality enterprises.
- 16. Proposals have been made within the programme that have potential to impact the council's commitment in its Local Transport and Connectivity Plan of achieving **a net zero transport network by 2040 and will require follow up to address remaining aspects:**
 - **Didcot Central Corridor.** Didcot Central Corridor is a programme of work to combine transport improvements with urban design to create a more accessible environment, through walking, wheeling and cycling opportunities, a more attractive central space for markets, events and community activity and therefore supporting local businesses. The proposed investment will progress the programme of work to deliver a short list of options to progress. Whilst the scheme will likely reduce car use and therefore reduce greenhouse emissions, it also needs to aim to minimize emissions released during its construction (whole life carbon emission approach). For such purpose it should adopt the carbon governance standard PAS2080 following Policy 27 of Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.
- 17. One proposal entails further collaboration with contractors to understand the magnitude of the potential climate impact in **OCC 2030 carbon neutrality target and net zero target well ahead of 2050:**
 - **IT Strategy:** This programme will modernise the council's technology estate to improve security, digital inclusion, and service delivery, while supporting collaboration and innovation ahead of local government reorganisation. The emergence of AI and the increasing energy demands, and further environmental pressures of data centres require a responsible approach to manage the potential climate and environmental impacts of this emerging technology. OCC has identified the need for a sustainability policy and/or framework based on the precautionary principle that can guide the responsible use of AI. For this purpose, in 2026/27 the council will build upon the UK's Royal College of Engineering "[Foundations for Environmentally Sustainable AI](#)" to develop a policy framework for the responsible use of AI and guide decision making around this technology.

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Oxfordshire residents' satisfaction survey 2025

Postal and online survey of Oxfordshire residents

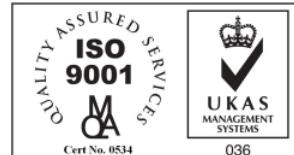
Executive summary of survey results

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Executive Summary

Background and method

This report represents the findings of a residents' satisfaction survey which was conducted by Marketing Means on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council between 26 June and 20 August 2025. The survey was sent to a sample of households across the authority area to gauge satisfaction with the council's services and the area where they live, as well as asking about the council's priorities and budget decisions.

The survey was posted out to a random sample of 6,000 households in w/c 21 June 2025. One reminder mailing was issued to non-respondents in w/c 28 July 2025. All residents in the sample could take part in the survey online if they wished, using unique login details included in the covering letter with a link to the online questionnaire, hosted by Marketing Means. These mailings generated 1,025 responses, 243 of which were completed online.

To boost the number of responses from younger residents, the 2025 survey included a face-to-face in-street interviewing stage, conducted in various locations in Oxford, Abingdon, Banbury, Didcot, Wantage and Witney. This provided a further 178 interviews with residents aged 18 to 44 between 23 July and 10 August 2025 and brought the total number of survey responses to 1,203.

At the data analysis stage, the final respondent profile was 'weighted' by local authority area, age and gender in order to reflect Oxfordshire's population aged 18+ from the 2021 Census profile. All charts and data in this report are based on 'weighted' data.

Overall views of Oxfordshire County Council

- Just over two-fifths of those interviewed (43%) were satisfied with the way that the council runs things, with net satisfaction at +11%, both slight but not statistically significant decreases from the corresponding results of the 2024 survey.
- Just under a third of respondents (29%) agreed that the council provides value for money, a slight not significant decrease from the 2024 results, though the proportion dissatisfied has increased by a small but significant amount to 40%. These gave a significantly lower net satisfaction score of -11%, compared with -4% in 2024.
- A total of 45% were satisfied with the services provided by the council, a slight but not significant increase from the level of 43% in 2024, with the same net satisfaction score of +15%.
- The proportions of respondents who would speak negatively or positively about the council were similar to one another (30% and 27% respectively), and their views would usually only be expressed if asked.
- When asked to suggest one thing the council should improve, the leading answer theme, given by 25%, was **improving roads and paths and fixing potholes**.

Your local area

- More than two-thirds (68%) were satisfied with their local area as a place to live, slightly but significantly lower than the corresponding 2024 result of 72%.
- The issues most likely to be spontaneously named by respondents as the most important that residents in their local area faced were led by **road surfaces in poor repair/dangerous, too many potholes**, suggested by 16% of respondents. Several other themes related to roads and transport, including traffic congestion and public transport, but each was given by less than 10%. The most likely

other topics were **issues with new building/ development of new housing, lack of infrastructure/amenities** (by 8%) and the **rising cost of living** (by 6%).

- Most respondents felt safe when outside in their local area by day, 87%, (slightly but significantly lower than the 2024 result) and 61% felt safe after dark (the same level as in 2024).
- The factors most likely to be selected by respondents as important in making somewhere a good place to live were led by **health services** (54%, a significant decrease from 2024's 60%), **road and pavement repairs** (up from 36% to 41% this year) and **level of crime** (41%, as in 2024). Several other factors, though selected by a smaller proportion of the sample, had significantly increased in importance since 2024, including **parks and open spaces, activities for teenagers, and wage levels and cost of living**. The only other factor that had significantly decreased in perceived importance since 2024 was the **level of pollution**.
- The factors most likely to be selected by respondents as most in need of improvement in the local area were led by **road and pavement repairs** (by 61%, significantly higher than 2024's 56%), and **health services** (44%, not significantly different to the 2023 result). **Traffic congestion** was selected by only slightly fewer (36%), with no significant change since 2024 and the same applied to **affordable decent housing** (35%). Only two other aspects were significantly less likely to be selected in 2025 than in 2024, namely **level of pollution** (from 15% to 11%) and **education provision** (from 14% to 11%).
- Nearly three-quarters of respondents (71%) felt they belonged strongly to their local area, with 21% feeling this very strongly.
- One in three respondents (33%) felt that people in their local area can influence decisions, though only 4% definitely agreed, while 36% did not agree.

Communications

- The proportion that felt fairly or very well informed on **benefits and services provided** by the council was 48%, significantly higher than the 2024 result of 43%. Only slightly fewer (44%) felt well-informed about **what the council spends its money on**, which was similar to 2024's result.
- A smaller proportion (28%) felt that the council **acts on the concerns of local residents** a great deal/ a fair amount. This was not significantly different to the 2024 results, and nor was the net satisfaction score of -31%.

Customer Services

- Residents' most popular choice as their preferred method of contacting the council was email, chosen by 71%, followed by **telephone – direct line** (41%) and **website – online form** (36%).
- Just over one in three respondents (36%) had contacted the council in the previous 12 months. The leading reason was to **report a problem** (27%), while **applying for a service, requesting a service and asking a question** were each selected by 17%-18%.
- The most likely method that residents had used to contact the council in the last 12 months was via the **website** (32%), only slightly ahead of **telephone to the customer service centre** (24%) and **email** (23%). The leading reasons given for their choice were that it was **simple/easy** (22%), **convenient/quick/easy** (12%), and **preferring to speak to a person** (13%).

Council services

- Across 20 different council services, the degree of residents' satisfaction varied widely, as did the proportion of respondents able to rate each service at all given the lack of experience of using or receiving each service. Taking out the "Don't know" responses to give the clearest view of the results for each service, ratings varied from 77% satisfied and net satisfaction of +73% for **Libraries**, to only 20% satisfied and -52% net satisfaction for **maintenance of roads** (the latter was also the lowest-rated service in 2022, 2023 and 2024). The table below summarises the key figures for each service:

2025 Satisfaction Ratings of Services (base totals shown after each service)	% dissatisfied	% satisfied	Net % Score
Libraries (838)	4%	77%	+72.8%
Fire and rescue service - emergency response (780)	5%	74%	+69.1%
Museums and history service (770)	4%	73%	+69.1%
Household waste and recycling centres (tips) (1,102)	16%	72%	+55.9%
Fire and rescue service - public safety and road safety advice and support (778)	8%	64%	+55.7%
Registration of births and deaths, and ceremonies including marriages and citizenship (554)	4%	62%	+58.0%
Primary education (5 -11 years) (450)	11%	60%	+49.1%
Early years education (birth to 4 years) (448)	9%	56%	+46.4%
Secondary education (over 11 years) (495)	17%	54%	+37.3%
Countryside services (e.g., rights of way) (966)	16%	54%	+37.8%
Children's social care (protecting and supporting vulnerable children and families) (475)	20%	43%	+22.5%
Trading standards (603)	16%	43%	+26.7%
Support/care for older people (aged over 65) (587)	-24%	42%	+17.5%
Support/care for vulnerable groups such as people with disabilities, and/or mental health problems, general frailty (558)	27%	41%	+13.1%
Public health (helping people to stay healthy and protecting them from health risk) (769)	21%	40%	+19.1%
Parking (enforcement, controlled parking zones, on-street parking) (1,010)	40%	32%	-8.6%
Managing the road network (e.g., traffic lights, speed limits, traffic and transport) (1,132)	55%	32%	-23.0%
Road and transport schemes (e.g., new or improved junctions, bus lanes, cycle lanes etc.) (1,070)	49%	28%	-21.1%
Maintenance of pavements (1,154)	63%	23%	-40.5%
Maintenance of roads (1,175)	72%	20%	-51.7%

- 14 of the services showed significantly increased net satisfaction compared with 2024. The largest increases were for **Registration of births and deaths etc.** (18% increase), **Fire and rescue service - emergency response** (14% increase), **early years education** and **support/care for vulnerable groups** (13% increase for both). None showed a significant decline in net satisfaction.
- The services felt to be most important for local people in the area were **maintenance of roads** (62%, a decrease from 68% in 2024) and **fire & rescue service – emergency response** (35%, up slightly from 32% in 2024).
- When reviewing the same results but including only those with lived experience of each service, five of the services were by far the most likely to be selected, each by more than 40% of those with

experience of them; **primary education, secondary education, support/care for older people, support/care for vulnerable people**, and **early years education**.

Special statistical analysis

- We have conducted two extra stages of Key Driver Analysis on the survey results to help identify opinions of which specific council services and activities seem to have the greatest impact in driving overall satisfaction, perceptions of value for money and how well residents are kept informed.
- The Correlation Analysis undertaken showed that overall perception of quality of services and value for money are the two key items most correlated with **satisfaction with how the council runs things**, but this is also strongly correlated with the new question added in 2025 on the statement that best describes how residents feel about the council.
- Perceptions of **value for money** in turn are most strongly correlated with (i) overall satisfaction with services, (ii) how the council runs things, and (iii) statement that best describes how residents feel about the council.
- The Factor Analysis attempted to identify which specific services, or groups of services, have most impact in driving perceptions of those same four key measures: overall satisfaction with how the council runs things, value for money and the statements about keeping residents informed. The results highlighted, in particular, two groups of factors that influence most of the variation in perceptions. The first group comprised aspects related to travel/roads/transport, parking and pedestrian routes, alongside the statement that best describes how residents feel about the council. The second group comprised aspects related to satisfaction with the council and the local area, including satisfaction with the area as a place to live, satisfaction with services overall, the extent to which the council acts on residents' concerns, and satisfaction with household waste/recycling. These were the key drivers of the four target questions, but most notably overall satisfaction and value for money.
 - As in previous surveys and taken together with the results from elsewhere in this report, these findings demonstrate the key role that improvements to services related to roads, travel and transport may play, but combined with driving up satisfaction with services overall, notably waste recycling, and the local area as a place to live, and acting on residents' concerns in improving overall perceptions of the council.

Budget setting

- Respondents were given a brief explanation of the financial challenges that the council faces and asked how much they agreed or disagreed with each of a list of 10 possible approaches that the council could take to make savings / generate income. The table below summarises the proportions agreeing or disagreeing with each and shows that four drew strong net support of nearly +50% or higher, similar to those rating so highly in 2023 and 2024. Highest agreement was for **Reduce costs by operating from fewer buildings and using those we keep to their full capacity**, which more than eight out of 10 respondents (84%) agreed with as a course of action for the council.
- By far the least popular ideas were generating additional income by increasing council tax and reducing spending on frontline services, with net agreement of -40% for each.

APPROACH (base totals shown after each)	% disagree	% agree	Net % agreement
Reduce costs by operating from fewer buildings and using those we keep to their full capacity (1,159)	5%	84%	+79%
Reduce costs by using digital technology where it improves how we work and helps us be more efficient (1,150)	8%	77%	+68%
Reduce the costs of the contracts we use to provide services (1,140)	8%	73%	+65%
Reduce staffing costs by redesigning services, using fewer agency staff and/or holding vacancies (1,152)	12%	71%	+58%
Reduce costs by collaborating more with partners in voluntary & community sector so we're not main funder & provider for every service (1,147)	16%	61%	+45%
Reduce spending on services the council is not legally required to provide (1,135)	24%	47%	+23%
Use the council's financial reserves (money set aside for unexpected events), to provide one-off funding (1,143)	26%	47%	+20%
Generate additional income from sales, fees, and charges (1,096)	32%	40%	+8% ↓
Reduce spending on frontline services (1,127)	62%	21%	-40%
Generate additional income by increasing council tax (1,133)	63%	22%	-40%

- Respondents were also asked whether they agreed or disagreed that the council should consider increases of 3.99 or 4.99 per cent to help fund adult social care and other key services. These two levels drew general disagreement and net agreement scores of -12% and -40% respectively. Just over a third of respondents (34%) agreed with the notion of a 3.99 per cent increase, but only 19% supported an increase as high as 4.99 per cent.
- Although more than a third (37%) felt their financial situation was 'about the same' as a year ago, the proportion who felt better off (4%) was far smaller than the proportion who felt worse off (57%). Although most people (56%) had never or rarely struggled in this regard in the last year, about a quarter (26%) had done so sometimes, 10% most of the time, and 3% all of the time.

Climate change

- A third of all respondents (33%) claimed to be very concerned about climate change and 78% overall were concerned, not significantly different to the 2024 results.
- 70% felt that climate change will affect them and their family moderately or a lot.
- Well over three-quarters of respondents (80%) agreed that it is very or fairly important for Oxfordshire County Council to tackle climate change, with 39% rating it very important, both significant increases from the 2024 results.
- When asked to what extent they have a role to play in protecting themselves and belongings from extreme weather, just under a third (31%) felt that that this applies a lot, while 42% felt that it applies a moderate amount. Only 7% felt that this did not apply at all.

- When asked to what extent they had already made lifestyle changes to tackle climate change, well over half (58%) had done so to either a moderate amount or a lot, 13% giving the answer a lot.

Travel in and around Oxfordshire

- Driving a car** and **walking** were the two most likely modes of travel used in the previous 7 days, each given by close to three-quarters of respondents (77% and 73% respectively). More than half (57%) had travelled as a car passenger.
- Several active travel modes were each used by a significant proportion of respondents, **bus** by 37%, **bicycle** by 30% and **train** by 24%.
- Driving a car** was by far the most likely main mode of transport, selected by 57%. A further 8% had mainly been a **car passenger**. 14% had mainly got around by **walking**, 8% mainly by **bus** and 6% mainly by **bicycle**.

Volunteering and digital skills

- Just over a third of respondents (34%) have provided some degree of unpaid help in the past 12 months, including 13% that had done so at least once a week.
- Well over nine out of 10 respondents (95%) use the internet at work, home or elsewhere.

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