

To: Members of the Cabinet

# Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

## Tuesday, 16 December 2025 at 2.00 pm

## Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

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Membership

Councillors

Liz Leffman Leader of the Council

Neil Fawcett Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member

for Resources

Tim Bearder Cabinet Member for Adults

Andrew Gant Cabinet Member for Transport Management

Sean Gaul Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Kate Gregory Cabinet Member for Public Health and Inequalities

Jenny Hannaby Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and

Safety

Ben Higgins Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation

Dan Levy Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and

Transformation

Judy Roberts Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate

Action

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on 22 December 2025 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee. Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated to all Members of the County Council.

# Date of next meeting: 27 January 2026





# **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- guidance note below
- 3. **Minutes** (Pages 1 14)

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 13 and 18 November 2025 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.

# 4. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

### 5. Petitions and Public Address

Members of the public who wish to speak at this meeting can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection.

To facilitate 'hybrid' meetings we are asking that requests to speak or present a petition are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting. Requests to speak should be sent to committeesdemocraticservices @oxfordshire.gov.uk

If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that your views are taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am 2 working days before the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

# 6. Appointments

## 7. **Reports from Scrutiny Committees** (Pages 15 - 32)

Cabinet will receive the following Scrutiny reports:

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports on:-

- a) Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024/25 and s.106 Programme Update
- b) Movement and Place Plans
- c) Local Government Reorganisation One Oxfordshire Proposal

# 8. Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024/25 and Section 106 Improvement Programme Update (Pages 33 - 132)

Cabinet Member: Place, Environment and Climate Action

Forward Plan Ref: 2025/129

Contact: Chris Stevenson, Planning Operations Manager

(Christine.Stevenson@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Report by Director of Economy and Place (CA8).

#### The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

- a. Consider the content of the Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024/25 (Annex 1)
- Approve the publication of the report onto the Oxfordshire County Council website
- c. Delegate authority to make any minor amendments to the report prior to its publication to the Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action
- d. Note and comment on the update provided on the S106 improvement programme (Annex 2)
- e. Note the recommendations from the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in paragraph 20 of this report

# 9. Updates to "Implementing Decide & Provide" (Pages 133 - 216)

Cabinet Member: Place, Environment and Climate Action

Forward Plan Ref: 2025/233

Contact: Will Pedley, Technical Lead (Transport Planning)

Will.pedley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Report by Director of Economy and Place (CAB).



The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to adopt the proposed updates to the 'Implementing Decide & Provide: Requirements for Transport Assessments' document.

# **10.** Capital Programme Update and Monitoring Report (Pages 217 - 238)

Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2025/014

Contact: Natalie Crawford, Capital Programme Manager

Natalie.crawford@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Report by Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer (CA10)

### Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- a. Note the capital monitoring position for 2025/26 set out in this report and summarised in Annex 1.
- b. Approve the updated Capital Programme at Annex 2 incorporating the changes set out in this report.

### 11. Forward Plan and Future Business (Pages 239 - 246)

Cabinet Member: All

Contact Officer: Chris Reynolds, Senior Democratic Services Officer,

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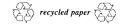
The Cabinet Procedure Rules provide that the business of each meeting at the Cabinet is to include "updating of the Forward Plan and proposals for business to be conducted at the following meeting". Items from the Forward Plan for the immediately forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet appear in the Schedule at **CA11**. This includes any updated information relating to the business for those meetings that has already been identified for inclusion in the next Forward Plan update.

The Schedule is for noting, but Cabinet Members may also wish to take this opportunity to identify any further changes they would wish to be incorporated in the next Forward Plan update.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the items currently identified for forthcoming meetings.

# **12.** For information only: Cabinet response to Scrutiny item (Pages 247 - 248)

Verge and Vegetation Management



## Councillors declaring interests

### **General duty**

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

### What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

### **Declaring an interest**

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

#### Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

### **Members Code – Other registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

a) Any unpaid directorships

- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.
- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

### **Members Code – Non-registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.