

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Oxfordshire Education Commission

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Liz Leffman, Leader of the Council; Cllr John Howson, Cabinet Member for Children, Education, and Young People's Services; Cllr Kate Gregory, Cabinet Member for SEND Improvement

Date response requested:² **19 December 2023** *Recommendations were submitted by People Overview & Scrutiny Committee but will be received by Education and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee which has since been established.*

Response to report:

Education is a key priority for the Council, Cabinet and Officers. The recommendations are accepted or partially accepted. Where there is partial acceptance, this is as a result of technical aspects or further clarity of scope is required.

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
----------------	--	---

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

² Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

<p>1. That the Council should prepare itself to provide officer resource and expertise in the expectation of a deep dive into early years provision.</p>	<p>Partially accepted</p>	<p>Clarity is required on the scope and scale of a deep dive into early years provision, so that resource can be prepared.</p>
<p>2. That the Council should ensure regular updates are issued to each meeting of Cabinet on educational outcomes and that these are provided to the Committee for noting.</p>	<p>Partially accepted</p>	<p>We will provide updates to Committee on the academic cycles at the times they are validated and published. These will be regular within the year but may not match each scheduled EYPS because of the academic cycle.</p>
<p>3. That the Council should explore how to establish and manage panels, such as a children’s panel, a parents/carers’ panel, and an educational providers’ panel, to ensure the insights of key stakeholders are heard to build collaborative and clear partnership working.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Panels across children and young people, parents and carers and with educational establishments already exist. Information about those panels can be provided and summary reports outlining insights and work plans can be provided. As vehicles already exist in many places, we are further strengthening those partnerships.</p>
<p>4. That the Council should consider whether a professional-led board for educational improvement should be established.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>We are in the process of establishing this in partnership with lead professionals.</p>
<p>5. That the Council should consider the adoption of a long-term plan for educational improvement in the county under an heading such as <i>Oxfordshire Charter for Future Generations</i></p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The council are working in partnership to produce an education and Inclusion strategy with key partners, of which school improvement will be an element. The role of the Council will be to support partners on the development of a self-supporting system in line with the legal roles of the LA.</p>
<p>6. That the Leader should continue to work with the leaders of other councils to address the problems</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council and Cabinet continues to work with other Councils and examples of best practice and innovation.</p>

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

associated with key worker recruitment and retention.		Cabinet has a focus upon 'place based' developments for residents and key workers.
7. That the Council should ensure there is sufficient budgetary capacity for the Commission's report's proposals to be implemented.	Accepted	Budgetary capacity has been accounted for to address the Commission's proposals.