

SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE (CABINET COMMITTEE)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 commencing at 3.00 pm and finishing at 3.13 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Tim Bearder – in the Chair

Councillor Laura Gordon (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Neil Fawcett

Councillor Sean Gaul

Councillor Gareth Epps

Councillor Dan Levy

Councillor Rebekah Fletcher

Councillor Kate Gregory

Councillor Judith Edwards

Officers:

Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Anita Bradley (Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer), Nicholas Glover (Managing Director – Enterprise Oxfordshire), Wendy Knowland (Finance Manager – Enterprise Oxfordshire), Sadie Patamia (Corporate Governance Manager – Enterprise Oxfordshire), Martin Reeves (Chief Executive), Kathy Wilcox (Head of Corporate Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer)

The Shareholder Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

52 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2026/27 COUNCIL YEAR

(Agenda No. 1)

The Senior Democratic Services Officer invited nominations for the position of Chair of the Shareholder Committee for the 2026/27 council year. Councillor Fawcett proposed Councillor Bearder and Councillor Epps seconded the nomination.

With there being no other nominations, Councillor Bearder was **ELECTED** as Chair of the Shareholder Committee for the 2026/27 council year.

53 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2026/27 COUNCIL YEAR

(Agenda No. 2)

Having taken the Chair, Councillor Bearder invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chair of the Shareholder Committee for the 2026/27 council year. Councillor Fawcett proposed Councillor Gordon and Councillor Epps seconded the nomination.

With there being no other nominations, Councillor Gordon was **ELECTED** as Deputy Chair of the Shareholder Committee for the 2026/27 council year.

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

55 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 5)

Councillor Levy declared an interest in respect of item 8 as he was a non-Executive Director of Enterprise Oxfordshire and therefore left the meeting at this point.

57 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 6)

There were none.

58 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 7)

There were none.

59 APPROVAL OF AUDITORS FOR ENTERPRISE OXFORDSHIRE

(Agenda No. 8)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting and invited officers to present the report.

Officers noted that the proposed appointment of Richardsons as External Auditors was because the appointment of auditors for Enterprise Oxfordshire was a matter reserved to the Shareholder Committee. It had been approved by the Enterprise Oxfordshire Board and confirmed that, to follow good practice, the auditors were different to those of the County Council.

Councillor Fawcett moved and Councillor Gordon seconded the recommendations and they were approved.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Agree the proposed appointment of Richardsons as External Auditors for Enterprise Oxfordshire (formally OxLEP) for financial Year 2025/26, as recommended by the company board.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing