



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Forward Plan

**April 2026
Supplement**

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The Cabinet's Forward Plan: Introduction

This Forward Plan outlines the decisions which are expected to be made over the coming four-month period by or on behalf of the County Council's Cabinet. **NB Also included, for ease of reference, are items for the current month.**

The Plan is arranged in Committee date order, Cabinet or Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member. (The members and their portfolios are listed via a link on the next page.) Each entry briefly describes the subject and scope of the decision; indicates the "target date" on which the decision is expected to be taken and by whom (eg whether the full Cabinet or an individual Cabinet Member); what documents (normally a report by an officer) are expected to be considered; and contact details for the officer(s) dealing with the matter. The Annex is in Cabinet Member portfolio order.

Where consultation is being carried out prior to the decision being taken, the principal consultees are specified. The method of consultation will normally be by letter or – where the views of the wider public are to be sought – by press coverage, supplemented by local notices if the decision affects a particular area. Other methods, such as exhibitions, opinion surveys, community forums etc, may be used to supplement these.

The lists include any "key decisions" - those which are "significant" under the terms of government regulations. In general, a key decision may not be taken unless notice of it has been included in the Forward Plan. More detailed information on what is a key decision can be found in the Council's Constitution on the Council's website.¹ This can also be inspected at County Hall.

However, the Council has decided that Oxfordshire's Forward Plan should include all those matters which are expected to come before the Cabinet in the period of the Plan, whether or not they may give rise to key decisions.

If any key decisions are expected to be taken by officers within the Plan period under powers delegated by the Cabinet, these are included in the Plan.

Unless of a confidential nature, reports and other documents for any meeting can be inspected, from approximately a week before the meeting, at County Hall and online². Copies can be supplied on request, at a charge to cover copying costs.

Making Representations about Forward Plan Items

Anyone who wishes to make representations about a particular matter listed in the Plan should send their comments so as to reach the County Council at least a week before it is due to be considered. Comments should be either:

Posted to "Forward Plan", Law & Governance (Democratic Services), Corporate Services, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND, delivered in person to the same address or e-mailed to forward.plan@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

There is also a facility for making a short address to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member in person. The deadline for any request to do this is 9.00 am three working days before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk , or telephone Oxford 810806) or online³.

¹ [Decision Making including Key Decisions](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > The Constitution > Part 2, Article 12 – Decision Making

² [Agendas, Minutes & Reports](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Browse Committee Papers

³ [Get Involved in Meetings](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Get involved in meetings

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Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
<p>Fire and Rescue Cover Model (Ref: 26/070)</p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to review the Improving our Fire and Rescue Service consultation report and consider how the outcomes will inform the further development of the proposals.</p>	Cabinet (21 April 2026)	Yes - Affects more than 1 division	This was initially marked as part exempt but will now be fully open.			Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader	Rob MacDougall, Chief Fire Officer & Director of Community Safety Tel: 07881 583208	Chief Fire Officer & Director of Community Safety

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<p>Updates to the Parking Standards for New Developments (Ref: 25/241)</p> <p>The Parking Standards for New Developments was</p>	Cabinet (21 April 2026)	Yes - Affects more than 1 division	None	The Parking Standards for New Developments is a technical document intended to	Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 16/12/2025 to 24/02/2026. Reason: Further work required.	Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action, Cabinet Member for Transport	Michael Deadman, Transport Development Control Lead Officer Tel: 07767 608992	Director of Economy & Place

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<p>adopted in October 2022; it is now due to be updated. Following internal and external engagement on the draft updated document, formal adoption by Cabinet of the finalised updated document is sought.</p> <p>Approval from Cabinet is also sought to proceed to a statutory consultation, which is necessary to enable changes to LTCP policy to provide suitable support for the Parking Standards.</p>				<p>implement policy in the Oxfordshire LTCP and as such the comprehensive consultation exercise for the Oxfordshire LTCP encompasses the intent of this document. If approved, a statutory consultation will proceed on changes to LTCP (see above).</p>	<p>Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 24/02/2026 to 17/03/2026. Reason: Further work required.</p> <p>Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 17/03/2026 to 21/04/2026. Reason: Further work required.</p>	<p>Management</p>		
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<p>Our People & Culture Strategy 2026-2027 (Ref: 2025/173)</p> <p>To approve the Our</p>	<p>Cabinet (21 April 2026)</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>N/A</p>	<p>Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 27/01/2026 to 24/02/2026. Reason: Further</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader</p>	<p>Prisca Munzemba, Project Support Assistant</p>	<p>Director of HR and Cultural Change</p>

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People & Culture Strategy which ensures we develop high-performing, innovative, highly engaged and agile teams. Employing the best people and reflecting the communities we serve.					work required. Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 24/02/2026 to 17/03/2026. Reason: Further work required. Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 17/03/2026 to 21/04/2026. Reason: Further work required			
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Re-Negotiation of Project Agreement with Oxfordshire Care Partnership (Ref: 26/061) The Oxfordshire Care Partnership is a joint venture between Order of St Johns Care Trust and BPHA, operating under a Project Agreement to maintain council-	Cabinet (21 April 2026)	Yes - Affects more than one division and Revenue Expenditure > £1m	This will be fully exempt.	Internal consultation and Cabinet Member briefings.		Cabinet Member for Adults, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation	Simon Walkden, Strategic Commercial Partner - People	Director of Adult Social Care

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owned care homes and provide care services. The contract began in 2001 and was extended in 2013 to 2032. Options for service delivery and home management will apply from April 2027. Approval is sought to complete negotiations and vary the existing contract.								
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<p>Economic Development Strategy (Ref: 26/017)</p> <p>A new economic strategy for Oxfordshire is currently in development. This item is to approve the strategy, make funding decisions, and delegate authority as necessary.</p>	Cabinet (19 May 2026)	Yes - Affects more than 1 division, Capital Expenditure >£2m and Revenue Expenditure >£1m	None		Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 21/04/2026 to 19/05/2026. Reason: Further work required	Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation	Nicholas Glover, Head of Future Economy	Director of Economy & Place

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9 April 2026

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
<p>Approve and Authorise the Award of the HIF1 Culham River Crossing Construction Contract (Ref: 25/268)</p> <p>This is a key decision to approve and authorise the award of the HIF1 Culham River Crossing Construction Contract</p>	<p>Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action (9 April 2026)</p>	<p>Yes - Capital Expenditure > £2m</p>	<p>Part Exempt</p>		<p>Decision due date for Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action changed from 26/02/2026 to 26/03/2026. Reason: Further work required.</p> <p>Decision due date for Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action changed from 26/03/2026 to 09/04/2026. Reason: Further work required</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action</p>	<p>Timothy Mann, Senior Project Manager Tel: 07922 848408</p>	<p>Director of Environment & Highways</p>

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<p>Approval to Sign Space Clipper Sub-Contract <i>(Ref: 26/044)</i></p> <p>A small contract covering the council's role in an innovation project funded by Innovate UK. The contract covers the council's role in testing the development of 3D visualisation of GIS data for local area energy planning and the EV charge point programme. Space Clipper seek our feedback in the development of their software tool given our expertise in the use cases they wish to investigate.</p>	<p>Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action <i>(21 April 2026)</i></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None - The council was approached by Space Slipper to support a grant application and if successful to test the development of the visualisation tool. There will be two identical contracts to reflect the fact that Innovate Oxfordshire and the Climate Action team are jointly working with Space Clipper</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action</p>	<p>Mark Saunders, Energy Systems and Investment Manager</p>	<p>Director of Economy & Place</p>
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