

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 Unpaid Carer Strategy
Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Bearder, Cabinet Member for Adults
Date response requested:² 17 March 2026

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council works with Carers Oxfordshire to review the timings of the support on offer, to ensure support is available outside of main caring duty times	Rejected	The Council has a comprehensive support offer delivered by Carers Oxfordshire.

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

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<p>and consider what asynchronous support could be offered in addition.</p>		<p>The scheduling of assessments and individual work, such as carer's assessments, is coordinated in consultation with carers to identify an appropriate time.</p> <p>Carers Oxfordshire facilitates and supports a variety of carer groups managed by external organisations throughout Oxfordshire. Each caring situation is unique, influenced by an individual's lifestyle, meal schedule, medication requirements, and other factors, meaning that timing suitable for one carer may not be suitable for another. Accordingly, group sessions are arranged based on participant feedback, venue accessibility, and staff availability.</p>
<p>2. That the Council gives further consideration to the use of the Carers ID card and its participation in lifestyle-offer schemes.</p>	<p>Rejected</p>	<p>A Carer ID issued by Carers Oxfordshire aims to help carers to show that they are an unpaid carer. This can be helpful in various situations including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification when accompanying the person(s) they care for on medical appointments or when collecting medicines, • Notifying emergency services that someone depends on them, and who to contact in an emergency or crisis, • When they are or the person they care for are admitted as a patient at Oxford University Hospitals, • Identification to employers, education and training settings, • In the community and when you are seeing social care professionals. <p>Oxfordshire's Carers ID is a recognition scheme and is not designed to be linked to savings or benefits. Businesses in Oxfordshire can link their offers to Carers ID should they wish.</p>

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		<p>There are various schemes, cards and concessions used in the UK to support unpaid carers. These include national benefit schemes such as Carer's Allowance, Carer's Credit and Carer Element of Universal Credit, and carer cards / identification schemes such as Carers Card UK, National Carers Card, and Discounts for Carers.</p> <p>Carers UK provides information on a range of information on discounts available for carers Carer savings hub Carers UK. Some establishments accept Carers UK membership as proof of being a carer, such as Better Leisure Centres in Oxfordshire.</p>
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