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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Neil Fawcett and Kate Gregory.	
2. Declarations of Interest - guidance note below	There were none.	
3. Petitions and Public Address Members of the public who wish to speak on an item on the agenda at this meeting, or present a petition, can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection. Requests to present a <u>petition</u> must be submitted no later than 9am ten working days before the meeting. Requests to <u>speak</u> must be submitted no later than 9am three working days before the meeting. Requests should be submitted to committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of	<u>5 – Local Government Reorganisation – Submission of Proposal to Government</u> Councillor Ian Middleton	

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<p>your statement can be provided no later than 9am on the day of the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.</p>		
<p>4. Reports from Scrutiny Committees</p> <p>Cabinet to receive the report of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Local Government Re-organisation (TO FOLLOW)</p>	<p>Cabinet received the report and approved the response to the recommendations.</p>	
<p>5. Local Government Reorganisation – Submission of Proposal to Government</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2025/150</i> <i>Contact: Helen Mitchell, Programme Director – Local Government Reorganisation</i> <i>Helen.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p>Report of the Chief Executive</p> <p>The Cabinet RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>A) Note all three proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (Annex 1, 2 and 3)</p> <p>B) Agree that One Oxfordshire, the single county unitary proposal is a “robust and sustainable unitary proposal that is in the best interests of the whole area” as requested by the then Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution in his letter of 5 February 2025 attached as Annex 4.</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p> <p>The recommendations from Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee were all accepted.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation E, the Cabinet agreed the following changes to the submission to Government:-</p> <p><i>Expanded narrative on neighbourhood committees</i></p> <p><i>Change council size to 99</i></p> <p><i>Amendment to stakeholder feedback to be clearer where some respondents rather than all gave a view</i></p>	<p>CEO (H Mitchell)</p>

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<p>C) Approve the One Oxfordshire proposal for submission to government in accordance with their deadline of 28 November 2025.</p> <p>D) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer in consultation with the Leader to make any changes to the text and/or format of the One Oxfordshire proposal prior to submission to government whilst not materially affecting the overall content of the proposal.</p> <p>E) Delegate to the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader, the formal submission of the proposal to government to meet the 28 November 2025 deadline, following any changes agreed at Cabinet and any subsequent changes made under the delegation at Recommendation D above.</p>	<p><i>Add in the bespoke CIPFA resilience index risk assessment in the options appraisal</i></p> <p><i>Remove Annex 2 (Metro Dynamics work for MSA) when submitting</i></p> <p><i>Add paragraph on SEND once the inspection visit outcome is known</i></p> <p>This decision is not subject to Scrutiny call-in.</p>	
