

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 Employment Services

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Tim Bearder, Cabinet Member for Adults

Date response requested:² 16 September 2025

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 should explore whether an accreditation scheme would be an effective strategy to encourage businesses to work with Oxfordshire Employment Services.		

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

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2. That the Council should expand and enhance the work of Oxfordshire Employment Services by increasing the Connect to Work programme target from 2,000 to 2,500 individuals over five years, in recognition of the service's success and the wider social and health benefits of sustained employment.		
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