

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: Digital Inclusion Strategy

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Glynis Phillips, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Date response requested:² 19 July 2022 (Scrutiny is happy for a response to be made on 20 September 2022)

Response to report

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
That the Council approaches Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils to investigate the appetite amongst parish, town, district and city councils on digital inclusion, particularly in	Accepted	The strategy has been reviewed to include further reference to collaboration with parish, town, district, and city councils. This partnership work will be included as part of the action plan which is being developed throughout the autumn.

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

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relation to access to broadband, online safety and applications development.		
That the Council consults directly with businesses, particularly smaller ones, on the barriers they face to ensuring the benefits of the internet are available to them and develops actions to support any new issues identified within the Digital Inclusion Action Plan.	Accepted	The strategy has been updated to include explicit reference to smaller businesses and the challenges they face. Engaging with businesses will be picked up as part of the action planning in the autumn.