

# **County Council**

**10 February 2026**

## **Schedule of Business**

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# Agenda Annex

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – 10 FEBRUARY 2026

### SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Seconded; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
1  10:30	<b>Minutes (Page 9)</b>  To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2025 ( <b>CC1</b> ) and to receive information arising from them.	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4  10:35  25 mins	<b>Official Communications</b>  Oxfordshire County Council has again been awarded gold in the Armed Forces Employer Recognition Scheme recognising its ongoing commitment to the armed forces community.  The Gold Award is the highest honour for employers who demonstrate exceptional advocacy, flexible HR policies, and sustained support for defence. First awarded to the council in 2020, this year's revalidation highlights the authority's ongoing commitment to supporting veterans and reservists, as well as adult cadet volunteers and the spouses and partners of armed forces personnel who work in the council. Congratulations to all involved.  The Oxfordshire recipients of awards in the New Year's Honours are listed in Annex 1 of the Schedule of Business. Congratulations to all those honoured.	

A list of events attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the December Council meeting is included in Annex 2.

In particular, the Chair thanks those who attended his Gala Dinner on 30 January and those who could not attend but donated to the charities. £816 was raised from this event, which will be distributed between the Chair's three charities: Abingdon Riding for the Disabled, Oxford United in the Community and OXSRAD.

The Council has been informed of the passing of two former county councillors in recent months.

Former Cllr David Nicholson was elected as the Liberal Democrat Member for Woodstock Division in 1997 and stood down ahead of the 2001 elections. He was a member of the Education Committee, Schools Performance & Quality Sub-Committee, Community Education (Youth & Adult) Sub-Committee and Public Protection Committee during his term of office.

Former Cllr Nicholson was also a member of West Oxfordshire District Council, representing the Witney East Ward from 2003 to 2007 and a parliamentary candidate.

Former Leader of the Council, Ian Hudspeth, had been a member of Bladon Parish Council, and West Oxfordshire District Council, before becoming the Conservative Member for Woodstock Division on 5th May 2005, a seat he held until May 2021.

Ian held the Cabinet portfolio for Transport Implementation, later Transport from 2007, changing to take on the Growth & Infrastructure portfolio from 2009 until 2011.

He was elected Leader of the Council in May 2012, a position he held until 2021. He remained active in politics and stood again

	for election in May 2025 even though he was not elected.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Appointments</b>  The Monitoring Officer has been notified of amendments to the Scheme of Delegation for Cabinet Members and reports this to the Council as the Proper Officer.  The report is included at Page 5 of Addenda 4.	
<b>6</b>  <b>11:00</b>  <b>20 mins</b>	<b>Petitions and Public Address</b>  <b><i>Any person may address the Council on an item on the agenda subject to the provisions in CPR 10.2 of the Constitution</i></b>  Petitions – 3 minutes to speak (10.1.2(i))  Public Address – 3 minutes to speak (10.2.1)	<b>Petitions</b> Linda Goodhead – Weight Limit on Hinksey Hill  <b>Public Address</b> Item 8: Debbie Davies Richard Drew Steve Bolingbroke
<b>7</b>  <b>11:20</b>  <b>20 mins</b>	<b>Pay Policy Statement 2026/27 (Page 23)</b>  <b>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</b>  Council is RECOMMENDED to:  a) Approve and adopt the 2026/27 pay policy statement and agree to its publication on the council website and intranet, as required by The Localism Act 2011 (the Act) and the Code of Practice on Data Transparency.	M Fawcett SEC Leffman S Phillips S Barlow S Baines
<b>10</b>  <b>11:40</b>	<b>Budget and Business Planning Report 2026/27 to 2030/31 (Page 39)</b>  <b><i>Movers 10 mins, seconders 5 mins and speaking in debate 5 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</i></b>  The Council is RECOMMENDED to:  a. have regard to the statutory report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) (at Section 3) in approving recommendations b to d below;	<b>For timings and speakers see below</b>

	<p>b. (in respect of the budget and medium term financial strategy – at Section 4) approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the council tax and precept calculations for 2026/27 set out in Section 4.3 and in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a precept of £567,372,273.74</li> <li>(ii) a council tax for band D equivalent properties of £2,006.78;</li> </ol> </li> <li>(2) a budget for 2026/27 as set out in Section 4.4;</li> <li>(3) a medium term financial strategy for 2026/27 to 2030/31 as set out in Section 4.1 (which incorporates changes to the existing medium term financial strategy as set out in Section 4.2);</li> <li>(4) the Financial Strategy for 2026/27 at Section 4.5;</li> <li>(5) the Earmarked Reserves and General Balances Policy Statement 2026/27 at Section 4.6 including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)'s recommended level of General Balances for 2026/27 (Section 4.6), and</li> <li>(ii) the planned level of Earmarked Reserves for 2026/27 to 2030/31 (Section 4.6.1)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>c. (in respect of capital – at Section 5) approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Capital &amp; Investment Strategy for 2026/27 to 2036/37 including the Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Methodology Statement as set out in Section 5.1;</li> <li>(2) a Capital Programme for 2026/27 to 2036/37 as set out in Section 5.4 which includes new capital proposals set out in Section 5.3.</li> </ol> <p>d. (in respect of treasury management – at Section 5) approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2026/27 at Section 5.2 including the Treasury Management</li> </ol>	
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	<p>Prudential Indicators and the Specified Investment and Non-Specified Investment Instruments.</p> <p>(2) that any further changes required to the 2026/27 strategy be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation.</p>	
<b>45 mins</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> there will be a 45 minute break for lunch. This will likely start between 12:30 and 13:15 at a natural break in the proceedings.	

### Debate on Item 8 – Budget and Business Planning 2026/27-2030/31

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Order of Debate</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Time Limits</b>
Cabinet Motion	Introduction	(M) Leffman (SEC) Levy	10 mins 5 mins
Labour & Cooperative Amendment	Introduction and debate	(M) Brighthouse (SEC) Baines  Crichton Creed Epps Saul Pressel Edosomwan Rawlins Phillips Cherry	10 mins 5 mins  All 5 mins
	Right of Reply	Brighthouse Leffman	5 mins 5 mins
Oxfordshire Alliance Amendment	Introduction and debate	(M) Walker (SEC) Mallon  Gant Baines Overton Garnett Brant Epps	10 mins 5 mins  All 5 mins

	Right of Reply	Middleton Walker Leffman	5 mins 5 mins
Green Group Amendment	Introduction and debate	(M) Middleton (SEC) Markham  Gregory Baines Higgins Garnett Roberts	10 mins 5 mins  All 5 mins
	Right of Reply	Middleton Leffman	5 mins 5 mins
Substantive motion	Debate	Brighthouse Gaul Baines Bearder Coles Smith Edosomwan Gordon Creed Thomas Cherry Epps Phillips Hanna	All 5 mins
	Right of Reply	Leffman	5 mins



**OXFORDSHIRE RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN  
THE 2026 NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST**

**ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE**

**Dames Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE)**

**Professor Wendy Joan CARLIN CBE FBA**

Professor of Economics, University College London. For services to Economics.

**The Rt Hon Dr Anneliese DODDS MP**

Member of Parliament for Oxford East. For Parliamentary and Political Service.

**Commanders of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)**

**Professor Gideon Mark HENDERSON FRS**

Professor of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford and lately Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For services to Science.

**Mrs Deborah Anna JONES**

Lately Executive Director Children, Families and Education Services, Croydon Council. For services to Children, Young People and Families.

**Mr John Mark PETTIGREW**

Chief Executive Officer, National Grid. For services to Energy.

**Mr Max RICHTER**

Composer. For services to Music.

**Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)**

**Dr Kirsty Lawrie DARWENT**

Chair, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chair, Redress Scotland. For services to the People of Scotland.

**Mr Peter John HIGGINS**

Co-Founder, Charles Tyrwhitt Shirts. For services to Commerce, to Entrepreneurship and to Education.

**Professor Tamsin Alice MATHER FRS**

Professor of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford. For services to Volcanology and to the Promotion of Science.

**Mr William George Stewart SMITH**

Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Greenshaw Learning Trust. For services to Education.

**Mr Edward James WRAY**

Chair, Coach Core Foundation. For services to Charity and Mental Health.

## **Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)**

**Miss Francesca Elisabeth ALLEN**

For services to Disability Sport and to Improving Access to Sport for Young People.

**Mr Brian John BUCHAN DL**

Lately Chair of the Finance Committee, The Story Museum and Chair, OXSRAD. For services to Charity and to the community in Oxfordshire.

**Mr David William HUDSON**

Lately Headteacher, Royal Latin School, Buckinghamshire. For services to Education.

**Mrs Louise Maria KINGSLEY**

Director of Performance, Great Britain Rowing Team. For services to Sport.

**Mr Carl PORTMAN**

Manager, Chess in Prisons, English Chess Federation. For services to Prisoners.

**Ms Rachael WARWICK**

Lately Chief Executive Officer, Ridgeway Education Trust, Oxfordshire. For services to Education.

## **Medallists of the Order of the British Empire (BEM)**

**Mr Thomas Blatcher BINDOFF**

For services to Outdoor Accessibility to Nature.

**Mr Nicholas James BOWN**

For services to Advance Information Security.

**Dr Keith RUDDLE**

Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Chipping Norton News. For services to the community in Chipping Norton.

**Mrs Sara Lindsay STRONG**

For services to the community in Oxfordshire.

**Miss Jill Patricia THORLEY**

Volunteer Co-Ordinator, The Chipping Norton News. For services to the community in Chipping Norton.

**Mr Douglas Alan TIMMS**

For Charitable Service to the community in Carterton, Oxfordshire.

**Mrs Pauline Mary TIMMS**

For Charitable Service to the community in Carterton.

## **ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER**

### **Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO)**

The Rt. Hon. Lord HAGUE of Richmond PC

Lately Chancellor of the University of Oxford. For services to the Royal Foundation and for Nature Conservation.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
10 December	Annual City and County Council Christmas Fun Run	Oxford	Chair
15 December	Chair's Carol Service	Oxford	
8 January	Oxford Farming Conference	Oxford	Chair
10 January	Visit to SYRCOX Cultural Club	Oxford	Chair
16 January	Oxford Humanists Talk	Oxford	Chair
19 January	Visit to RAW Workshop	Oxford	Chair
22 January	Aspirations Week, Garsington Primary School	Garsington	Chair
26 January	Oxfordshire Buildings Trust Board Meeting	Oxford	Chair
27 January	International AI Excellences & Diplomacy Summit	House of Lords	Chair
29 January	Play2Give - Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Kennington	Chair
30 January	Chair's Charity Gala Dinner	Oxford	Chair
5 February	High Sheriff's Law Lecture	Oxford	Chair

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