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DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026

<i>List published 24 February 2026</i>		
<i>Decisions will (unless called in) become effective at 5.00pm on Friday 27 February 2026</i>		
<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Declarations of Interest	None.	
2. Questions from County Councillors	None.	
3. Petitions and Public Address	None.	
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.	The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.	DLG (M Cassimjee)
5. Enhanced Pathways Business Case <i>Cabinet Member: Children & Young People</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2025/271</i> <i>Contact: Clare Hanchet, Manager – SEND Strategic Early Intervention Team</i> Clare.Hanchet@oxfordshire.gov.uk Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYP5). Returning with the Enhanced Pathways Business Case seeking approval to expand the project for academic year 26/27 with funding for another 20 pathways, extending the project to 60 countywide. The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to: a) Approve the Council to fund a	Recommendations approved.	DCS (C Hanchet)

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<p>further 20 Enhanced Pathways to triple the reach of the project to enable the Council to offer a more equitable offer across the county to meet the increasing numbers and complexities of children and young people with Special Educational Needs in mainstream schools and to realise probable savings through this spend to save model.</p> <p>b) Approve the Council's budgetary commitment for a period of 3 years for each Enhanced Pathway (barring significant changes to central government funding of SEND during that period).</p> <p>c) Commit to consider and review opportunities to upscale the Enhanced Pathways programme over the coming years in line with the impact evidence provided.</p>		
<p>6. Formal Approval of Early Years Funding Formula 2026/27</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Children & Young People <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2026/015 <i>Contact:</i> Jane Billington, Strategic Finance Business Partner Jane.Billington@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYP6).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to</p> <p>a) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers (after allowing for</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DCS (J Billington)</p>

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<p>centrally retained funding per Department of Education (DfE) criteria) and approve the 2026-27 Early Years funding formula for 3- and 4-year-old provision with an underlying hourly rate of £6.04 (excluding the supplements, SEN Inclusion Fund and Contingency).</p> <p>b) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers (after allowing for centrally retained funding per Department of Education (DfE) criteria) and approve the 2026-27 Early Years funding formula for 2-year-old working parent provision at an hourly rate of £8.29.</p> <p>c) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers (after allowing for centrally retained funding per Department of Education (DfE) criteria) and approve the 2026-27 Early Years funding formula for 2-year-olds of families receiving additional support at an hourly rate of £8.29.</p> <p>d) Pass the funding increase received by Oxfordshire onto providers (after allowing for centrally retained funding per Department of Education (DfE) criteria) and approve the 2026-27 Early Years funding formula for 9 Months to 2-year-old provision at an hourly rate of £11.33.</p>		
<p>7. Determination of 2027-28 Admission Arrangements for OCC Community and VC Schools</p> <p><i>Cabinet Member: Children & Young People</i></p>		

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<p><i>Forward Plan Ref: 2025/275</i> <i>Contact: Carly Williams, Service Manager</i> <i>(Carly.Williams@oxfordshire.gov.uk)</i></p> <p>Report by Director of Children's Services (CMDCEYP7).</p> <p>Report to follow.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to approve and determine the following documents:</p> <p>a) Scheme of Co-ordination for Normal Points of Transfer b) Admission Arrangements and Oversubscription Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools c) Published Admission Numbers (PANs) d) In-Year Admissions Scheme</p>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p>	<p>DCS (C Williams)</p>