



To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 28 July 2026 at 10.00 am

Room 2&3 - County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND

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July 2026

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Membership

Councillors

Tim Bearder	Leader of the Council
Neil Fawcett	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources
Judith Edwards	Cabinet Member for Local Government Reorganisation and Human Resources
Gareth Epps	Cabinet Member for Transport
Rebekah Fletcher	Cabinet Member for Adults
Sean Gaul	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Laura Gordon	Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy
Kate Gregory	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Inequalities
Liz Leffman	Cabinet Member for Highways Construction and Repair
Dan Levy	Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation

*The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting
will become effective at the end of the working day on 3 August 2026
unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.
Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated
to all Members of the County Council.*

Date of next meeting: 15 September 2026



AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note below

3. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am three working days before the meeting, ask a question on an item on the agenda.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

4. 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 petition must be submitted no later than 9am ten working days before the meeting.

Requests to speak 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 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.

5. Reports from Scrutiny Committees (Pages 9 - 20)

Cabinet will receive the report and recommendations of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Adult Social Care Charging Policy

6. Proposed Changes to Adult Social Care Contributions Policy (Pages 21 - 72)

Cabinet Member: Adults
Forward Plan Ref: 2026/079
Key decision
Contact: Jake Finley, Project Manager
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Report by the Director of Adult Social Care

The Adult Social Care (ASC) Charging Policy Review is a major programme to modernise, align and consolidate Oxfordshire County Council's charging arrangements across three core areas: Disability Related Expenditure (DRE), Transport Charging, and Telecare Charging. The project brings previously separate policies together into a single, coherent ASC Charging Policy to improve fairness, transparency, sustainability, and financial viability for the Council and service users.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

Note the contents of this report and confirm its agreement for

- a. **Reducing the initial Disability Related Expenditure (DRE) allowance from 35% to 25% which is the level that was in place before April 2022,**
- b. **Introducing an Adult Social Care Transport Policy (Annex 2) that explains the council's approach to transport and sets out a flat rate of £10 per day for transport arranged by Adult Social Care,**
- c. **Charge all people using the telecare the actual cost of the service at £9.87 per week.**

EXEMPT ITEM

It is RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded for the duration of item 7 since it is likely that if they were present during that item there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and specified below in relation to those items and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

THE ITEM HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM. THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE

7. Re-Negotiation of the Project Agreement with Oxfordshire Care Partnership (OCP) (Pages 73 - 98)

Cabinet Member: Adults
Forward Plan Ref: 2026/061
Key decision
Contact: Naomi Taviner, Head of Joint Commissioning Brokerage
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Report of the Director of Adult Social Care

The information contained in this report is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Oxfordshire Care Partnership is a joint venture between Order of St Johns Care Trust and BPHA, operating under a Project Agreement to maintain council-owned care homes and provide care services. The contract began in 2001 and was extended in 2013 to 2032. Options for service delivery and home management will apply from April 2027. Approval is sought to complete negotiations and vary the existing contract.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

- a) Consider and approve the recommendations outlined in the exempt report.**

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself' and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

Members Code – Other registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

- a) Any unpaid directorships

- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.
- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

Members Code – Non-registrable interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.