SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE (CABINET COMMITTEE)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 commencing at 3.00 pm and finishing at 4.20 pm

Present:

Voting Members:	Councillor Tim Bearder – in the Chair Councillor Laura Gordon (Deputy Chair) Councillor Gareth Epps Councillor Neil Fawcett Councillor Rebekah Fletcher Councillor Sean Gaul Councillor Kate Gregory Councillor Liz Leffman Councillor Dan Levy
By Invitation:	Alexander Reip (Chair – Enterprise Oxfordshire)
Officers:	Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Lorna Baxter (Deputy Chief Executive – Section 151 Officer), Anita Bradley (Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer), Nicholas Glover (Interim Managing Director – Enterprise Oxfordshire), Sadie Patamia (Head of Corporate Services – Enterprise Oxfordshire), Robin Rogers (Director of Economy and Place).

The Shareholder Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
(Agenda No. 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Edwards.

67 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda No. 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(Agenda No. 3)

Councillor Levy declared an interest in respect of item 6 & 7 as he was as a non-Executive Director of Enterprise Oxfordshire and therefore left the meeting at this point.

69 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS
(Agenda No. 4)

There are none.

70 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS
(Agenda No. 5)

There were none.

71 COMPANY MEMBERSHIP AND STRUCTURE
(Agenda No. 6)

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Laura Gordon (Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy), introduced the report.

During discussion, it was noted that this report set out provisional governance arrangements to deal with concerns raised about the Enterprise Zones and the importance of stakeholder buy-in, given impending local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire. It was stated that the approach was deliberately vague to allow for a consultative approach with partners to ensure these arrangements worked for all involved.

Members noted that the introduction of a Skills Board would be extremely welcome to allow for Oxfordshire's economy to be as inclusive as possible.

Officers requested for a slight amendment to change the word 'Instruct' to 'Request' within recommendation e). Members noted the change and agreed to it.

Councillor Gordon moved and Councillor Fawcett seconded the amended recommendations and they were approved.

RESOLVED to:

a) APPROVE the establishment of an Enterprise Zone (EZ) Advisory Board (and its scope and purpose) as a formal sub-committee of the Enterprise Oxfordshire Board.

b) AGREE to establish a county-wide Skills Board (and its scope and purpose) as a formal sub-committee of the Enterprise Oxfordshire Board.

c) AGREE in principle the extension of company membership of Enterprise Oxfordshire to local public sector partners.

d) AGREE to receive further proposals on governance and the composition of the EZ Advisory Board, Skills Board, and Enterprise Oxfordshire Board to

include members from across the county's public, private and higher education sectors.

e) REQUEST officers to develop detailed governance proposals, including recommendations for the establishment of further sub-committees as appropriate.

72 ENTERPRISE OXFORDSHIRE - APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

(Agenda No. 7)

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Laura Gordon (Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy), introduced the report.

During discussion, it was noted that a comprehensive recruitment and interview process was carried out comprising of senior officers at Enterprise Oxfordshire and the Council, along with the relevant Cabinet Member. It was noted that if the appointment was approved, the candidate would be ready to start in Autumn 2026.

Councillor Gordon moved and Councillor Fawcett seconded the recommendations and they were approved.

RESOLVED to:

a) Agree to the appointment of the candidate recommended by the Enterprise Oxfordshire Board to the position of Managing Director of Enterprise Oxfordshire, outlined in Exempt Annex 1.

.... in the Chair

Date of signing ....