



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Forward Plan

**September 2025
Supplement**

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The Cabinet's Forward Plan: Introduction

This Forward Plan outlines the decisions which are expected to be made over the coming four-month period by or on behalf of the County Council's Cabinet. **NB Also included, for ease of reference, are items for the current month.**

The Plan is arranged in Committee date order, Cabinet or Delegated Decision by Cabinet Member. (The members and their portfolios are listed in the table on the next page.) Each entry briefly describes the subject and scope of the decision; indicates the "target date" on which the decision is expected to be taken and by whom (eg whether the full Cabinet or an individual Cabinet Member); what documents (normally a report by an officer) are expected to be considered; and contact details for the officer(s) dealing with the matter. The Annex is in Cabinet Member portfolio order.

Where consultation is being carried out prior to the decision being taken, the principal consultees are specified. The method of consultation will normally be by letter or – where the views of the wider public are to be sought – by press coverage, supplemented by local notices if the decision affects a particular area. Other methods, such as exhibitions, opinion surveys, community forums etc, may be used to supplement these.

The lists include any "key decisions" - those which are "significant" under the terms of government regulations. In general, a key decision may not be taken unless notice of it has been included in the Forward Plan. More detailed information on what is a key decision can be found in the Council's Constitution on the Council's website.¹ This can also be inspected at County Hall.

However, the Council has decided that Oxfordshire's Forward Plan should include all those matters which are expected to come before the Cabinet in the period of the Plan, whether or not they may give rise to key decisions.

If any key decisions are expected to be taken by officers within the Plan period under powers delegated by the Cabinet, these are included in the Plan.

Unless of a confidential nature, reports and other documents for any meeting can be inspected, from approximately a week before the meeting, at County Hall and online². Copies can be supplied on request, at a charge to cover copying costs.

Making Representations about Forward Plan Items

Anyone who wishes to make representations about a particular matter listed in the Plan should send their comments so as to reach the County Council at least a week before it is due to be considered. Comments should be either:

Posted to "Forward Plan", Law & Governance (Democratic Services), Corporate Services, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND, delivered in person to the same address or e-mailed to forward.plan@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

There is also a facility for making a short address to the Cabinet or Cabinet Member in person. The deadline for any request to do this is 9.00 am on the working day before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact as above, or telephone Oxford 810806) or online³.

¹ [Decision Making including Key Decisions](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > The Constitution > Part 2, Article 12 – Decision Making

² [Agendas, Minutes & Reports](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Browse Committee Papers

³ [Get Involved in Meetings](#) – Main Menu > About your Council > Meetings > Get involved in meetings

Members of the Cabinet

<<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/oxfordshire-councillors/oxfordshires-cabinet>>

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NEW ITEM

16 September 2025

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
South Central Independent Fostering Agency Framework <i>(Ref: 2025/174)</i> Decision needed to extend the current framework contract for a further year. We are part of the South Central Framework consortium which comprises of 16 local authorities, Southampton are the lead authority and are asking for consortium to seek agreement for 1 year extension.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children and Young People <i>(16 September 2025)</i>	Yes - Revenue Expenditure > £1m	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Alison Walker, Commissioning Officer Promote and Prevent	Director of Children's Services

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DEFERRED ITEMS

21 October 2025

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Get Oxfordshire Working <i>(Ref: 25/128)</i> To receive an update and approve the local plan for the centrally funded Get Oxfordshire Working project.	Cabinet <i>(21 October 2025)</i>	No	None	N/A	Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 16/09/2025 to 21/10/2025. Reason: Further work required	Cabinet Member for Future Economy and Innovation	Conor O'Sullivan, Assistant Project Manager	Director of Economy & Place

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Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Local Government Reorganisation – Submission of Proposal to Government <i>(Ref: 2025/150)</i> In line with the statutory invitation received in February 2025, Cabinet are to	Cabinet <i>(18 November 2025)</i>	Yes - Affects more than 1 division	None	N/A	Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 21/10/2025 to 18/11/2025. Reason: Further work required	Leader	Helen Mitchell, Interim Head of Strategy	Chief Executive

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endorse its submission to government.								
Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Local Aggregate Assessment 2024 <i>(Ref: 25/142)</i> The LAA includes forecasts of the demand for aggregates, an analysis of all aggregate supply options and the rate of future provision for land-won primary aggregates in Oxfordshire.	Cabinet <i>(18 November 2025)</i>	No	None	N/A	Decision due date for Cabinet changed from 21/10/2025 to 18/11/2025. Reason: Further work required.	Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action	Helen Gosnell-Whyman, Principal Minerals & Waste Policy Planner	Director of Economy & Place