



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Forward Plan

**October 2026
Supplement**

Tim Bearder
Leader of the Council
County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

Date Issued: 16 September 2026

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 via a link 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 three working days before the matter is due to be considered. A form is available from Democratic Support Team, Law & Governance (Democratic Services), (contact committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk, 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

[Oxfordshire's Cabinet | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

The Forward Plan

20 October 2026

NEW ITEMS

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
A4130 Steventon Lights Integrated Transport Scheme Project Update <i>(Ref: 26/225)</i> Project Update	Cabinet <i>(20 October 2026)</i>	Yes - Affects more than one division and Capital Expenditure > £2m	None	N/A		Cabinet Member for Highways Construction and Repair	Paul Fermer, Director of Environment & Highways Tel: 07825 273984	Director of Environment & Highways

20 October 2026

NEW ITEMS

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
A40 Improvements - Housing Infrastructure Fund 2 (HIF2) - Project Update <i>(Ref: 26/224)</i> Project Update	Cabinet <i>(20 October 2026)</i>	Yes - Affects more than one division and Capital Expenditure > £2m	None			Cabinet Member for Highways Construction and Repair	Paul Fermer, Director of Environment & Highways Tel: 07825 273984	Director of Environment & Highways

14 October 2026

NEW ITEMS

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
-----------------------	----------------	--------------	--------------------	--------------	----------------------	----------------	-----------------	-----------

The Forward Plan

		(yes/no)			(if any)			
Extension of the Inter Authority Agreement for TVFCS <i>(Ref: 26/227)</i> The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) that provides the working arrangements for Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service participating in the Thames Valley Fire & Control Service (TVFCS) needs to be extended from the current end date in 2030 to allow the new TVFCS Command and Control System to co-terminate with it in 2033.	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader <i>(14 October 2026)</i>	Yes - Affects more than 1 division		Participating TVFCS Fire Authorities		Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader	Martin Hall, Senior Commercial Specialist	Chief Fire Officer & Director of Community Safety

14 October 2026
DEFERRED ITEM

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
TVFCS Command and Control System <i>(Ref: 26/209)</i>	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet	Yes - Revenue Expenditure > £1m	Yes - Part 3	Joint Committee with other Fire Authorities	Decision due date for Delegated Decisions by	Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy	Martin Hall, Senior Commercial Specialist	Chief Fire Officer & Director of Community

The Forward Plan

TVFCS is procuring a replacement mission-critical Command and Control system to support emergency call handling, mobilisation, incident management and associated operational control functions across the three Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Services. The procurement has been undertaken as a Competitive Flexible Procedure, with structured participation checks, written quality and cost evaluation, demonstrations, presentations and, if required, negotiation. TVFCS operates a shared emergency control function for Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Royal Berkshire. The programme has been progressed to avoid operational, resilience, cyber, Airwave	Member for Resources and Deputy Leader (14 October 2026)				Cabinet Member for Resources and Deputy Leader changed from 15/09/2026 to 14/10/2026. Reason: Deferred at the meeting on 15th September 2026	Leader		Safety
---	---	--	--	--	---	---------------	--	---------------

The Forward Plan

compliance and service continuity risks that would arise if replacement is not completed before the current system becomes unsupported or non-compliant. The replacement is intended to secure an established and proven solution capable of supporting 24/7/365 emergency control operations, integrating with key operational and ICT systems.								
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

8 October 2026

NEW ITEMS

Item to be considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (yes/no)	Exempt Information	Consultation	Reason for Amendment (if any)	Cabinet Member	Contact Officer	Report by
Proposed Electric Vehicle Bays - The Bull Ring, Deddington (Ref: 26/218) To consider proposals for Electric Vehicle Charging Only Bays within the Bull Ring,	Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Transport (8 October 2026)	No	None	Standard traffic scheme consultation		Cabinet Member for Transport	Jenny Figueiredo, Lead Technologist EV Intergration	Director of Environment & Highways

The Forward Plan

Deddington								
------------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--