

Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provided within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: **Hire Bikes and Scooters**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Andrew Gant, Cabinet Member for Transport Management**

Date response requested:² **16 September 2025**

Response to report:

Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet welcomes the report from the Performance & Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on this matter. The response to the recommendations is set out below.

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)

¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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<p>1. That the Council writes to the Department for Transport to request an earlier decision regarding the continuation of the e-scooter trial beyond May 2026.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Since the Scrutiny Committee meeting, the Department for Transport announced a two-year extension to the e-scooter trial to take the end date to 31 May 2028.</p> <p>Cllr Gant, Cabinet Member for Transport Management, attended and spoke at the Micromobility All Party Parliamentary Group meeting on 03 September 2025, pushing for future legislation to provide long-term certainty.</p> <p>Within the same meeting, reference was made to the government outlining its intention to create a new vehicle class for Low-Speed Zero Emission Vehicles (LZEV) but no timeline for this has been set.</p>
<p>2. That the Council seeks information from the Department for Transport about the national evaluation timeline for the e-scooter trial, and that the council share the evaluation results of the e-scooter trial with the committee once available</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Officers have requested an update from the Department for Transport on the timescales for their national evaluation and reporting that is currently underway. A response has not yet been received.</p>
<p>3. That the Council conducts its own analysis of the e-scooter and e-bike schemes to understand their impact on modal shift and the wider transport network.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>In addition to the national evaluation and reporting that is currently underway for the e-scooter trial, the Cabinet agrees that local analysis of the e-scooter and e-bike schemes operating in Oxford should be conducted.</p> <p>As part of a new contract which is due to go live in Spring 2026, additional resource and funding is to be secured to conduct such research.</p>

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<p>4. That the Council explores the possibility of integrating e-scooters and e-bikes with park and ride sites and other transport interchanges, and that the Council considers increasing the supply of e-scooters and e-bikes to meet the latent demand.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>The Cabinet agree that integrating micromobility with the Park & Ride sites in Oxford is a positive step towards embedding micromobility into the wider transport network and commits to progressing discussions with the landowners and leaseholders for the Park & Ride sites to provide parking on-site.</p> <p>E-scooter and e-bike parking is currently provided at Thornhill Park & Ride, and officers will continue to explore opportunities to provide micromobility parking at the Park & Ride sites across Oxford.</p>
<p>5. That the Council investigates the feasibility of on-street parking for e-scooters and e-bikes to alleviate issues with footway parking.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>County Council officers have started to identify a potential on-carriageway parking locations for micromobility.</p> <p>There is desire to progress an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of on-carriageway bays once a new joint e-scooter and e-bike contract is live in Spring 2026.</p>