

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: **Draft Social Value Policy**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Levy, Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Transformation**

Date response requested:² **24 February 2026**

Response to report:

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

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Response to recommendations

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
<p>1. That any policy on supporting social value through procurement should form part of a wider policy on generating social value and supporting community wealth building across all the Council's functions, and that the Cabinet should commit to a holistic approach and next year produce a social value report which goes beyond procurement.</p>		
<p>2. That in developing and implementing its new social value policy, the Cabinet should draw on the experience of best-practice councils including Durham, Manchester and Preston, as well as the 2023 commissioned report from the Centre for Local Economic Strategies.</p>		
<p>3. That That the Cabinet considers, when developing a new set of Themes, Outcomes, and Measures (TOMs) for application in Oxfordshire, how these reflect its commitments to putting climate change at the heart of everything it does</p>		

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<p>as well as safeguarding the wellbeing of future generations.</p>		
<p>4. That the Cabinet considers how its new social value policy can support delivery of the Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy.</p>		
<p>5. That the Cabinet should set targets and make available to organisations proven, impactful projects which focus on the key priorities the Council would like to address in relation to social value</p>		
<p>6. That the Cabinet specifically considers the opportunities to support social value through the disposal of land and property and ensure policy is developed around this, especially around Community Asset Transfer.</p>		
<p>7. That the Cabinet should work alongside fellow anchor institutions in the public and private sector to align their policies to maximise social value generation and their collective impact on the wider Oxfordshire economy through their purchasing power.</p>		
<p>8. That the Cabinet considers having a light-touch set of social value requirements for smaller contracts</p>		

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9. That the Cabinet reconsiders the proposed social value weighting which is currently set at the statutory minimum of 10%.		
10. That the Cabinet should ensure that its choice of social value measures incentivises inclusive forms of ownership, including co-operatives and social enterprises.		