

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: **Movement and Place Plans**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Judy Roberts, Cabinet member for Place, Environment and Climate Action**

Date response requested:² **12 November 2025**

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. That the Council should review the proposed geographical boundaries for the Place plans to ensure they pass the 'sense check'.	Accepted	To ensure the geographic boundaries are coherent officers will attend locality meetings to discuss proposed geographic boundaries with councillors to gain feedback. This recommendation is already in progress, with officers having already attended some locality meetings in December to agree the most logical boundaries for some of the initial Movement & Place (MAP) Plans, including South of Oxfordshire where the initial

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		discussion was had. Nonetheless, for all areas where a plan is being developed this process will be followed.
<p>2. That the Council should engage proactively with local members to ensure that local needs are understood.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Local members need to be at the heart of this process and we have recently amended programmes to ensure engagement from the outset at locality meetings. We recognise each area is different with some areas feed in through district officers' comments. Workshops and briefings have been undertaken and will be arranged as appropriate for the plans being developed.</p> <p>The MAP Plans set out what has been done, what is being progressed, and what needs to be developed. They identify challenges and commit to working proactively with the Local Cllrs both on potential solutions, but also how best to engage with the local community.</p>
<p>3. That the Council should engage proactively with parish and town councils to ensure that local needs are understood.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>As part of the engagement process explained to members at the scrutiny meeting (Nov 25), town and parish councils are, and will continue to be, part of the development of each MAP Plan before public consultation. Officers will provide a dedicated meeting (online) where parish and town council councillors can contribute towards the development of the plan before public consultation.</p> <p>It's also important to note that The MAP Plans set out what has been done, what is being progressed and what needs to be developed. They identify challenges and commit to working proactively with the local community on potential solutions, including co-production where appropriate. There are several engagement points, and the MAP Plans are essentially a live document, evolving as further work is completed with stakeholders and communities.</p>