

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: **Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS) Guidance**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Sean Gaul, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

Date response requested:² **17 March 2026**

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 improve communications with residents, including clearer updates on ongoing works and challenges.		

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

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2. That the Council should launch the new public-facing statistics dashboard to provide visibility of defect volumes and repair progress.		
3. That the Council should strengthen communication and escalation routes for elected members, including reviewing the adequacy of the out of hours service.		
4. That the Council should increase visibility and clarity of programmed works, supported by earlier publication of multi-year plans.		
5. That the Council should improve integration of local knowledge, especially of elected members, into prioritisation of repairs and programmed works.		
6. That the Council should review the FixMyStreet process, ensuring cases are not closed prematurely and status updates are clearer.		
7. That the Council should enhance training and support in relation to the Superuser scheme.		
8. That the Council should review approaches to temporary repairs, including failure patterns on bus routes.		

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9. That the Council should explore further measures to limit the impact of HGVs on vulnerable roads.		
10. That the Council should undertake a review of the impact of cars being significantly heavier on average than previously and the resultant pressure on roads.		
11. That the Council should consider whether additional inspection capacity is needed and strengthen inspection processes.		
12. That the Council should continue to embed learning from repair failures, including materials choices and method improvements.		