

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: **2025 Provisional Attainment Outcomes**

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

Date response requested:² **27 January 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 adapt its protocol so that local members are notified when Cabinet members and senior officers visit schools within their division.	Partially Accepted	Senior officers attend schools routinely, both planned and as required, and it would not be practical to advise local members for every school visit.
2. That the Council should celebrate successes and share best practice across the family of schools in the area.	Partially accepted	The Council routinely celebrate successes and share best practice across numerous networks and through newsletters to

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		schools. There is no date for implementation as this is already in place.
3. That the Council, in developing the Oxfordshire Education and Inclusion Strategy, should ensure that sufficient attention is given to child safeguarding and protection as well as the curriculum review.	Accepted	The Oxfordshire Education Partnership has amended its membership and established an Executive group to ensure inclusion of the education lead on the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Partnership Executive group, safeguarding remains a priority for all education settings and schools. This has been actioned.