

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: **Fostering**

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 commit to 'Fostering Friendly Oxfordshire' and continue to work with district councils and other key stakeholders to achieve this.	Accepted	The council is now a Fostering Friendly Local Authority. The recruitment and marketing team is working with districts, business sector, school/college setting as well as 3 rd sector to promote Fostering friendly ethos.
2. That the Council should explore in more detail the possibility of a council tax-related offer for foster carers.	Accepted	The Fostering Marketing team is undertaking a business case on options for a potential reduction for foster carers, so they pay an adjusted Council Tax. As a part of this we are benchmarking approach in other Local Authorities.

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