

**Recommendation Tracker
Education and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

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Recommendations:

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| 27-Feb-26 | Local Area Partnership Monitoring | 1. That the Council should set out a clear plan for the long-term sustainability and resourcing of targeted SEND support across Oxfordshire, ensuring that improvements made through the Local Area SEND Partnership can be maintained despite ongoing financial and demand pressures. | Lisa Lyons | Accepted – see item 11 |
| | | 2. That the Council should provide an updated strategic statement on the purpose, role, and operational expectations of resource bases within Oxfordshire schools, including how these bases will be funded and supported in | | |

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| | | the medium- to long-term as part of the wider SEND Improvement Programme. | | |
| 30-Jan-26 | EOTAS | 1. That the Council should arrange for the EOTAS guidance to be broken down, with simpler, plain English and accessible information provided for parents and carers, supported by appendices containing officer processes and technical detail. | Lisa Lyons; Annette Perrington | Accepted – see item 11 |
| 21-Nov-25 | Virtual School Report | 1. That the Council should continue to work on improving attendance of those who are part of the Virtual School. | Lisa Lyons; Delia Mann; Charlotte Davey | Accepted – see item 11 |
| | | 2. That the Council should continue to highlight the work of the Virtual school with governing boards and social workers to ensure they are well informed and engaged in supporting the education of children in care. | | |
| 21-Nov-25 | Fostering | 1. That the Council should commit to ‘Fostering Friendly Oxfordshire’ and continue to work with district councils and other key stakeholders to achieve this. | Lisa Lyons; Annette Perrington; Clare Pike | Accepted – see item 11 |
| | | 2. That the Council should explore in more detail the possibility of a council tax-related offer for foster carers. | | |
| 21-Nov-25 | Attainment | 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. | Lisa Lyons; Annette Perrington; Kim Wilson | Partially accepted – see item 11 |

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| | | 2. That the Council should celebrate successes and share best practice across the family of schools in the area. | | Partially accepted – see item 11 |
| | | 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 – see item 11 |

Action Tracker
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| 16-Sep-25 | Update of Children's Homes | That the Council should encourage Ofsted to ensure the registration period for children's homes is as short as possible and thereby expedite the process of placing children in registered settings. | Lisa Lyons; Jean Kelly; Charlotte Davey | Progress update to be provided |
| 16-Sep-25 | s.19 of Education Act | 1. That, notwithstanding the complexity of the processes being set out, the Council should ensure that the process chart at Annexe B is re-designed to make it clearer and easier to follow. 2. That the Council should highlight how there will be sufficient resource – both financial and practical – to ensure the s.19 approach and Pathway of Action can function adequately. | Lisa Lyons | Progress update to be provided |

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| 16-Sep-25 | Home to School Transport | 1. That the Council should work at pace to organise personal transport budgets with appropriate flexibility to take account of individual circumstances. | Lisa Lyons; Paul Fermer; Vic Kurzeja | Progress update to be provided |
| | | 2. That the Council should ensure regular review of the policy is to mean 'annual', subject to legislative changes. | | |
| 18-Nov-25 | School Catering Services and Corporate Cleaning Services | 1. That the Council should outline the specific measures it has taken to ensure that rural schools are protected and that all schools will receive high quality catering services. | Lorna Baxter; Vic Kurzeja | Progress update to be provided |
| | | 2. That the Council should set out the specific steps it will take to ensure that the rights and interests of existing staff members will be protected, and that trade unions will be consulted and engaged throughout the process. | | |
| 18-Nov-25 | Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report | 1. That the Council should deploy a sustained, smart educational campaign to support parents and carers, particularly regarding online threats and should consider how best to do this. | Lisa Lyons | Progress update to be provided as part of 2025/26 annual report |