

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING OF COUNCIL – 30 JUNE 2026
SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS

ITEM/TIME	ITEM	PROPOSALS (M = Motion; SEC = Secondar; Am = Amendment S = Statement; Q = Question; REC = Recommendation to be determined)
<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 12 May 2026 (CC1a) and the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 20 May 2026 (CC1b).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:35</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 mins</p>	<p>Official Communications</p> <p>Two officers of the Council have received awards in the King’s Birthday Honours.</p> <p>Jacqui Gitau, Family Help Practitioner in Children's Social Care, has been awarded an MBE for services to migrant families in Oxfordshire. Jacqui founded African Families in the UK after witnessing how many families were falling through the gaps, sometimes due to systemic barriers, and sometimes simply because they lacked timely information about education, health, and social care. Congratulations to Jacqui on this well-deserved recognition.</p> <p>Our Chief Executive, Dr Martin Reeves, has been awarded an OBE in recognition of his outstanding service to local government. He was Chief Executive of Coventry City Council for over 14 years, during which time Coventry became the first Marmot City in the country.</p>	

He was also instrumental in establishing the West Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority and was its first Chief Executive from March 2016 to September 2017. Congratulations to Martin as we continue to benefit from his vision and drive.

A full list of Oxfordshire award recipients in the King's Birthday Honours is attached at Annex 1 to the Schedule of Business.

A list of the events attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair since the last Council meeting is in Annex 2.

Sadly, two former chairs of this Council have passed away recently. The death has occurred of a former chair of this Council and of Cherwell District Council, Timothy Hallchurch MBE. Tim was elected Conservative Member for the division of Otmoor & Kidlington in 2005 and 2009 and for Otmoor Division in 2013.

Former Councillor Hallchurch was also a Member of Cherwell District Council from 2002 to 2022, including a year as Chair in 2011/2012. He chaired this Council in 2013/2014 and served on many committees including Audit, Corporate Governance, HOSC and Planning and Regulation.

The funeral service will take place at Holy Cross Church, Shipton-on-Cherwell, on Friday, 3rd July at 12.00pm.

Former County Councillor John Jones was the Liberal Democrat Member for Grove Division from May 1989 until he stood down ahead of the May 1997 election. He had previously been a member of Shrewsbury Borough Council from 1964-1968, and a senior probation officer in Oxford.

Having been elected as Chair of Oxfordshire County Council in 1992, former Cllr Jones was then unusually re-elected for a second term of office, following the 1993 Oxfordshire

	<p>County Council elections. He served on the Environmental Committee (1989-1992) and Education Committee from 1992.</p> <p>Former Cllr Jones was extremely proud of his service as a member of Oxfordshire County Council and has requested that this Former Chair's Badge of Office be placed on his coffin as it enters the church for his funeral which will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday, 6th August in St.John the Baptist Church, Broadclyst, Devon.</p> <p>Details of both services have been emailed to Members.</p> <p>Our thoughts are with their families and friends. Council will observe a minute's silence.</p>	
5	<p>Appointments</p> <p>Appointments to committees are dealt with under Item 14 Committees and Review of Political Balance.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>10:45</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<p>Petitions and Public Address</p> <p><i>Any person may address the Council on an item on the agenda subject to the provisions in CPR 10.2 of the Constitution</i></p> <p>Petitions – 3 minutes to speak (10.1.2(ii))</p> <p>Public Address – 3 minutes to speak (10.2.1)</p>	<p>Petitions</p> <p>Matthew Jerwood – Road Safety at Rose Hill</p> <p>Emma Parker – Vehicle Restraint System on A40, London Road</p> <p>Public Address</p> <p><u>Item 9: Report of the Cabinet (Devolution)</u></p> <p>Huw James</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>11:00</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>See Annex 3 for questions and responses. One supplementary question allowed for each.</p> <p>1. Richard Parnham 2. Matthew Broadway</p>	<p>Epps Epps</p>

	3. Philippa Gibbons	Epps
<p>8</p> <p>11:10</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Questions with Notice from Members of the Council</p> <p>See Annex 4 for questions and responses. One supplementary question allowed for each.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ley to Epps 2. Cherry to Leffman 3. Cherry to Leffman 4. Greenaway to Epps 5. Greenaway to Fawcett 6. Greenaway to Epps 7. Graham to Fawcett 8. Garnett to Bearder 9. Markham to Leffman 10. Markham to Leffman 11. Markham to Leffman 12. Walker to Bearder 13. Walker to Leffman 14. Walker to Epps 15. Malik to Leffman 16. Heritage to Epps 17. Middleton to Leffman 18. Middleton to Levy 19. Middleton to Gordon 20. Ashby to Leffman 21. Ashby to Levy 22. Ashby to Epps 23. Barlow to Leffman 24. Barlow to Leffman 25. Mallon to Bearder 26. Malik to Epps 27. Malik to Epps 28. Snowdon to Epps 29. Snowdon to Gordon 30. Withdrawn 31. Evans to Epps 32. Evans to Levy 33. Evans to Levy 34. Barlow to Epps 35. Plumb to Epps 36. Thomas to Epps 37. Thomas to Gaul 38. Sargent to Gordon 39. Sargent to Gregory 	

<p>9</p> <p>11:40</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Report of the Cabinet (Pages 21 to 28)</p> <p><u>Leader (Cllr Bearder)</u> Page 21: Item 1- Local Government Reorganisation in Oxfordshire: Statutory consultation response</p> <p>Page 21: Item 2 - Devolution Update - Thames Valley Strategic Authority</p> <p><u>Resources and Deputy Leader (Cllr Fawcett)</u> Page 21: Item 3 - Improving our Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p><u>Local Government Reorganisation and Human Resources (Cllr Edwards)</u> Page 22: Item 4 - Refresh of the Our People & Culture Strategy 2026-2028</p> <p><u>Transport (Cllr Epps)</u> Page 22: Item 5 - Local Transport Consolidated Funding Settlement - Local Transport Delivery Plan</p> <p>Page 23: Item 6 - Movement and Place Plans</p> <p>Page 23: Item 7 - Oxford Congestion Charge Investment Plan</p> <p>Page 24: Item 8 - Updates to the Parking Standards for New Developments</p>	<p>Q Garnett (1) Q Baines (1) Q Mallon (1) Q Evans(1)</p> <p>Q Middleton (2) Q Brighthouse (2) Q Evans (2) Q Rawlins (2) Q Baines (2) Q Pressel (2) Q Mallon (2) Q Crichton (2) Q Saul (2)</p> <p>Q Markham (3) Q Saul (3) Q Malik (3) Q Smith (3) Q Cherry (3) Q Phillips (3) Q Pressel (3)</p> <p>Q Barlow (4) Q Phillips (4) Q McLauchlan (4)</p> <p>Q Kerr (5) Q Fry (5) Q Henwood (5) Q Barlow (5) Q Pressel (5)</p> <p>Q McLauchlan (6) Q Baines (6) Q Saul (6) Q Brighthouse (6)</p> <p>Q Garnett (7) Q Baines (7) Q Henwood (7) Q Creed (7) Q Crichton (7) Q Edosomwan (7)</p> <p>Q Garnett (8) Q Fry (8)</p>
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	<p>Page 24: Item 9 - Quiet Lanes Policy & Pilot Programme</p> <p><u>Children and Young People (Cllr Gaul)</u> Page 24: Item 10 - Best Start in Life Plan</p> <p><u>Public Health and Inequalities (Cllr Gregory)</u> Page 25: Item 11 - Cost of Living Programme 2026-29</p> <p>Page 25: Item 12 - Community Cohesion Action Plan</p> <p><u>Finance, Property and Transformation (Cllr Levy)</u></p> <p>Page 25: Item 13 - Treasury Management Q3 Performance Report 2025-26</p> <p>Page 26: Item 14 - Business Management & Monitoring Report - Performance and Risk - Quarter 3 2025-26</p> <p>Page 26: Item 15 - Update on High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Funding and Deficits</p> <p>Page 27: Item 16 - Capital Programme Update and Monitoring Report</p> <p>Page 27: Item 17 - Acquisition of a property/lease in Oxfordshire</p> <p>Page 27: Item 18 - Community Asset Transfer and Community Leasing</p>	<p>Q Garnett (9) Q Crichton (9) Q Ashby (9) Q Graham (9) Q Kerr (9) Q Baines (9) Q Henwood (9) Q Pressel (9)</p> <p>Q Markham (10) Q Brighthouse (10) Q Plumb (10) Q Hope-Smith (10) Q Creed (10) Q Pressel (10)</p> <p>Q Jones (11) Q Brighthouse (11) Q Thomas (11) Q Pressel (11)</p> <p>Q Markham (12) Q Pressel (12) Q Barlow (12)</p> <p>Q McLauchlan (13) Q Baines (13)</p> <p>Q Markham (15) Q Baines (15) Q Brighthouse (15) Q Creed (15)</p> <p>Q Baines (16) Q Roberts (16)</p> <p>Q Pressel (17) Q Higgins (17) Q Fry (17)</p> <p>Q Brighthouse (18)</p>
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	<p><u>Environment and Economy (Cllr Gordon)</u> Page 28: Item 19 - Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) - Management Reprovision</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Reports</u> Page 28: Item 20</p> <p>Education and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports on:</p> <p>a) Local Area Partnership Monitoring and Priority Action Plan b) Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS) Guidance</p> <p>People Overview and Scrutiny Committee report on Domestic Abuse - Safe Accommodation Provision</p> <p>Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports on:</p> <p>a) Road Safety initiatives in Oxfordshire b) Repairing of defects and Superusers</p>	<p>Q Markham (19) Q Baines (19) Q Snowdon (19) Q Creed (19) Q Pressel (19)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>12:10</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Scrutiny Annual Report (Pages 29-62)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>The Council is RECOMMENDED to receive and note the Scrutiny Annual Report.</p>	<p>M Brighthouse SEC Snowdon</p> <p>S Bearder S Roberts</p>
<p>11</p> <p>12:20</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024/25 (Pages 63-94)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to receive and NOTE the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (JHOSC) Annual Report set out in Annex 1.</p>	<p>M Hanna SEC Edosomwan</p> <p>S Jones S Pressel S Bearder S Cherry</p>
<p>12</p> <p>12:30</p>	<p>Report from Audit and Governance Committee - Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 95 to 204)</p>	<p>M Smith SEC Shiri</p> <p>S Baines</p>

<p>10 mins</p>	<p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution as recommended by the Constitution Working Group and Audit and Governance Committee, as set out Appendix 1, including amendment number 11; b) Note the amendments undertaken by the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, in accordance with Part 7.2 of the Constitution (Scheme of Delegation to Officers), paragraph 6.4 (t) and considered by the Constitution Working Group and Audit and Governance Committee; as set out in Appendix 2; c) Request the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer to ensure the necessary changes are made; and d) Note that a final edit of the Constitution covering layout and grammar will be undertaken prior to publication. 	
<p>13</p> <p>12:40</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>The Use of Urgency Provisions (Pages 205 - 208)</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council is RECOMMENDED to note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the exemption from Call-in of the following decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cabinet on 16 June 2026 – SEND Reform Plan 	<p>M Gaul SEC Gregory</p> <p>S Markham</p>
<p>14</p> <p>12:50</p> <p>10 mins</p>	<p>Committees and Review of Political Balance (Pages 209 - 214)</p> <p>Annex 2 for this report is attached to the Schedule of Business.</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p>	<p>M Chair SEC Vice-Chair</p> <p>S Middleton S Bearder</p>

	<p>Council is RECOMMENDED</p> <p>a) To note the review of political balance of committees to reflect the current formation of the political groups as detailed in Annex 1;</p> <p>b) To appoint members to the committees of the Council as listed in Annex 2.</p>	
<p>13:00</p> <p>40 mins</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>13:40</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor Lee Evans</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>This Council notes that Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a rapidly progressing condition. Tragically, a third of people die within a year of diagnosis and half within two years. As the disease progresses, symptoms worsen and people's needs increase, often unpredictably.</p> <p>This Council believes that people living with progressive or terminal conditions like MND deserve to live in safe and accessible homes, with as much independence and quality of life as possible. To the extent that the County Council is involved in ensuring this is the case, we commit to doing so.</p> <p>This Council notes that early interventions, as well as being good for individuals and their families, can save taxpayer's money by enabling people to manage their condition more effectively and reducing the need for critical interventions at a later stage.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Adults to review the County Council's role in the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and report to the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee with:</p>	<p>M Evans SEC</p> <p>Am Evans SEC</p> <p>S Middleton S Pressel S Fletcher S Barlow S Cherry S Worgan S Creed S Roberts S Hanna</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Council currently delivers its role in the DFG; • Timeliness over the past three years for the County Council fulfilling its role in the DFG, including assessments and referrals; • How the Council’s processes could be improved, including the timeliness of assessments and the working relationship with District Councils and other partners; • Whether the County Council is acting quickly enough to ensure that target timeframes of 55 days for simple adaptations and 130 days for complex adaptations can be met for people living with MND. <p><i>Note: The motion, if passed, would constitute the exercise of an executive function in which case it will be referred to the Cabinet together with any advice the Council may wish to give, in accordance with Rule 13.5.1 (i) of the Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution.</i></p>	
<p>16</p> <p>14:10</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Motion by Councillor James Barlow</p> <p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>Council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate impact is the Council’s highest strategic risk. 2. The Oxfordshire Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (2024) identifies flooding and extreme heat as significant, growing climate risks; driven by warmer, wetter winters, more intense rainfall, prolonged summer heatwaves and increased built-up areas. 3. Impacts of climate and Nature collapse are acknowledged to be even greater than thought in 2024. They pose an existential threat to humanity. Serious adaptation must become standard operating practice similar to the fiduciary duty to council tax-payers. 	<p>M Barlow SEC Jones</p> <p>Am Henwood SEC</p> <p>S Pressel S Mallon S Higgins S Middleton S Baines S Fawcett S Phillips S Gordon S Cherry</p>

	<p>The assessment illustrates the need for large-scale space for water storage upstream, to decrease flooding impacts downstream. Urban design is also key - to both prevent localised surface-water flooding, and build temperature resilience, preventing human-made “heat islands” which drive excess residents’ deaths, especially amongst the most vulnerable.</p> <p>Council notes the success of adaptation measures depends on multi-year, multi-stakeholder and community-based collaborations at appropriate, impactful scale. Partners (e.g. Environment Agency) have 6-year funding cycles, allowing capacity and capability to develop appropriately – starkly contrasting to the Council’s annual budget-setting process.</p> <p>Council requests that cabinet considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significantly increased investment through the Council’s remaining years’ budget process to accelerate Oxfordshire’s capacity and capability to convene and work at impactful scale, in multi-stakeholder action groups, embedding climate adaptation as standard operational procedure. • Multiple new councillor-supported, location-specific initiatives, convening, alongside officers and partners, to build resilience capability through collaborative action in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Locations to mitigate or adapt to river, groundwater, urban and flash flooding ○ Urban neighbourhoods to mitigate heat islands. <p><i>Note: The motion, if passed, would constitute the exercise of an executive function in which case it will be referred to the Cabinet together with any advice the Council may wish to give, in accordance with Rule 13.5.1 (i) of the Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution.</i></p>	
17	Motion by Councillor Bethia Thomas	M Thomas SEC Roberts

<p>14:40</p> <p>30 mins</p>	<p>Movers 5 mins and speaking in debate 3 minutes, CPR 15.4.2</p> <p>This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises that dangerous parking, on pavements, in cycle lanes, around schools and in many other instances, causes significant danger and inconvenience to many people particularly those with limited mobility. • Understands that this is a county wide issue, and many representative groups have worked tirelessly to highlight these issues. • Recognises the findings from the Government's consultation, allowing the highway authority to enforce a ban on pavement parking. • Recognises that a ban on pavement parking needs to be accompanied by the consideration of parking as whole, and by extra budget from Government or else effective enforcement may not be possible. <p>Council therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully endorses the objective to end pavement parking and doing so in a way which suits local needs best. 2. Commits to supporting the use of civil enforcement powers in a way which enforces this policy effectively in a cost neutral way to the council. 3. Asks the Cabinet Member for Transport to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Oversee the introduction of an enforcement mechanism, recognising that different areas will require different solutions. b. Ensure that key stakeholders and representative groups of people with restricted mobility be consulted throughout. c. Ensure that the Council follows the progress of Government's latest research exercise into this issue, responding as appropriate. <p>Asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Minister for Local Transport to request further</p>	<p>Am Middleton SEC</p> <p>S Baines S Evans S Epps S Middleton S Phillips S Henwood S Gordon S Kerr S Chrichton S Mallon S Garnett S Edosomwan S Saul S Creed</p>
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	<p>resources to be able to implement the enforcement mechanism effectively.</p> <p><i>Note: The motion, if passed, would constitute the exercise of an executive function in which case it will be referred to the Cabinet together with any advice the Council may wish to give, in accordance with Rule 13.5.1 (i) of the Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution.</i></p>	
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