

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: **Unauthorised Waste Disposal Site near Kidlington: Interim Report**

Lead Cabinet Member(s): **Cllr Laura Gordon, Cabinet Member for Economy and Environment**

Date response requested:² **19 June 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 ensure that lessons learned from this incident be captured and used to strengthen early detection, escalation, inter-agency coordination, and internal	Accepted	Officers are undertaking a lessons learned exercise to review the detection, escalation, inter-agency coordination and internal communication arrangements associated with this incident. This will capture learning from the Council's response and from the work undertaken with partner agencies, including the Environment Agency, Cherwell District Council, Thames Valley

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<p>communication in future cases of illegal waste activity.</p>		<p>Police and other relevant bodies. Officers will use the findings to strengthen future arrangements for early warning, rapid escalation, information sharing and coordinated operational response in cases of suspected illegal waste activity. Close liaison with all relevant agencies will continue as the investigation and site response progress. Indicative timescale: lessons learned work to commence following Cabinet's response and be progressed over the next 12 months, with updates provided to Scrutiny until actions are completed.</p>
<p>2. That the Council should ensure that elected members are kept appropriately informed of progress and key milestones, subject to legal and investigation-related constraints.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Ongoing updates are being provided through regular Portfolio Holder briefings and additionally on an ad hoc basis where required or requested, subject to legal and investigation-related constraints. For example, a recent onsite visit was arranged for local members at Town, District and County Council levels. Relevant elected members will be kept appropriately informed of progress and key milestones where information can properly be shared, including where there are significant developments, emerging risks or material changes in the response. Indicative timescale: immediate and ongoing for the duration of the incident response and associated follow-up work.</p>