

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet On Wednesday 10 December 2025

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

Decisions made by the Cabinet and Planning – Oxford City Planning Committee will be subject to a two-day call-in period.

The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Committee and Member Services.

8 Quarterly Integrated Performance Report - Q2 2025/26

Cabinet resolved to:

- Note the financial position for quarter 2 (Q2) 2025/26 including forecast outturn, as well as the current position on risk and performance at 30th September 2025.

9 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2027-28 to 2029-30 and 2026-27 Budget for Consultation

Cabinet resolved to:

1. Approve the 2026-27 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account budgets for consultation and the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendices 1-10, noting:
 - a. The Council's General Fund Budget Requirement of £30.945 million for 2026/27 and an increase in the Band D Council Tax of 2.99% or £10.67 per annum representing a Band D Council Tax of £367.38 per annum assuming it is confirmed that the authority is able to do so.
 - b. The HRA budget for 2026-27 of £68.2 million and an increase of 4.8% + up to £2 for rent convergence (max) for 2026/27 (subject to any subsequent cap on increases imposed by central government) in social dwelling rents from 1st April 2026 giving an average weekly increase of £8.47 per week, and a revised weekly average social rent of £143.40 as set out in the Financial Implications section of this report.
 - c. The increase in shared ownership rental in accordance with the lease as shown in paragraph 93-94
 - d. The General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme as shown in Appendix 6.
2. Agree the fees and charges shown in Appendix 7
3. Delegate to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Board Member for Finance and Assets the decision to determine whether it is financially advantageous for the Council to enter into a Business Rates

Distribution Agreement as referred to in paragraphs 29-30 of the report.

10 **Annual Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Authority Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024/25 for publication.
2. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation to make any necessary minor corrections not materially affecting the document prior to publication.

11 **Approval of the revised Local Development Scheme 2025-2030**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Local Development Scheme 2025-2030;
2. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation Services to make any necessary minor corrections not materially affecting the document prior to publication.
3. **Agree** the change to the Oxford Local Plan period from 2022-2042 to 2025-2045

12 **Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Approve** the draft Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy.
2. **Recommend to Council** to approve and adopt the draft Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy.
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, authority to update the Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy with minor amendments to keep the documents up to date with any future changes in legislation, regulations, governance and best practice.

13 **Resident Involvement Strategy**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Approve** the draft Resident Involvement and Engagement Strategy (2025 – 2028) and action plan attached to the strategy which outlines how the priorities for resident involvement and engagement will be taken forward.
2. **Recommend to Council** to approve and adopt the new Resident Involvement and Engagement Strategy 2025-2028.
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for housing and Communities, on approval of the strategy, to put in place the necessary governance and monitoring arrangements to oversee the

implementation and delivery of the strategy as well as to make any minor amendments reflective of legislative changes or best practice.

14 **Procurement Strategy**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Consider** the draft Procurement Strategy 2026-2029 (at appendix 1); and
2. **Recommend** to Council that the draft Procurement Strategy be adopted.

15 **Fleet Procurement Report**

Cabinet resolved to:

- **Delegate** authority, for the remainder of the current financial year, to the Group Finance Director to award contracts with values in excess of £750k for the purchase of fleet vehicles.

16 **Land Quality Strategy 2025**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. To approve the revised Land Quality Strategy for adoption.
2. To continue to endorse the approved procedure for dealing with contaminated land by:
 - Using the development control regime wherever possible in order to assess and remediate land affected by contamination.
 - Where this is not possible we will utilise powers under Part 2a of the Environmental Protection Act (1990) in order to ensure contaminated land is remediated.
3. Note that if works are required under Part 2a Of the Environmental Protection Act (1990), then this will be funded from contingencies and reserves.

17 **Treasury Annual Report**

Cabinet resolved to:

- Note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2024/25 and the Council's compliance with the Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

For more details on the subject of the Decision or for a copy of the Decision Note please contact:

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The Record of Decision sets out the decision taken by the Committee. Details of the reasons for the decision and any alternative options put forward for consideration (if any) were published within the reports

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