

Agenda

Cabinet

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 8 July 2026**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Cabinet Membership

Councillors: Membership 10: Quorum 3: No substitutes are permitted.

Leader/ Chair

Cabinet Members

Councillor Susan Brown	Leader, and Cabinet Member for Partnership Working, Inclusive Economic Growth and Culture
Councillor Ed Turner	Deputy Leader (Statutory), and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management
Councillor Anna Railton	Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Planning and Zero Carbon Oxford
Councillor Lubna Arshad	Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford
Councillor Nigel Chapman	Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies
Councillor Linda Smith	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities
Councillor Mark Lygo	Cabinet Member for a Healthy, Fairer Oxford
Councillor Mike Rowley	Cabinet Member for Regulation of the Private Rented Sector and Preventing Homelessness

Apologies received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting.

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Items to be considered at this meeting in open session (part 1) and in confidential session (part 2).

Future items to be discussed by the Cabinet can be found on the Forward Plan which is available on the Council's [website](#)

	Pages
1 Apologies for Absence	
2 Declarations of Interest	
3 Minutes of the previous meeting	15 - 18
Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
4 Addresses by members of the public	
Public addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda, up to five minutes is available for each public address.	
The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Thursday the 2nd of July.	
5 Councillor addresses on any item for decision on the Cabinet agenda	
Councillor addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda, up to five minutes is available for each address.	
The request should be received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by 5.00 pm on Thursday the 2nd of July.	
6 Councillor addresses on Neighbourhood Issues	
7 Items raised by Cabinet Members	

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8 Reports from the Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Committee will meet on the 30th of June 2026. The Committee and its Working Group will consider the following reports:

- Annual Review of the Council of Sanctuary Framework
- Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy
- HRA policies

Scrutiny's discussions and recommendations on the reports will be circulated as a supplement to the agenda.

9 Thames Valley Strategic Authority Proposal: Update and Implications for Oxford City

19 - 24

The Transition Director submitted a report to invite Cabinet to note Oxfordshire County Council's veto of the systemwide Expression of Interest to Government, which would have enabled the creation of a Thames Valley Strategic Authority with enhanced powers and funding for the region. Cabinet is further requested to reaffirm its commitment to working collaboratively with Thames Valley partners and Government to reassess devolution in light of the 'minded to' decision on Local Government Reorganisation, with the clear aim of advancing a renewed proposal that includes Swindon and remains open to Buckinghamshire.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note Oxfordshire County Council's decision to veto the Thames Valley Foundation Strategic Authority proposal;
2. Agree that the Council Leader and Council officers to work with counterparts in other Thames Valley councils to review the position following the Government's decision on Local Government in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire;
3. Note that officers will work with counterparts in the other 12 councils to further develop the Expression of Interest proposal against any updated policy position around devolution set out by the new Prime Minister;
4. Agree the commitment to continue to support Swindon's involvement as a willing partner in a Thames Valley Strategic Authority – and keep the door open for Buckinghamshire's inclusion too, if they change their position.

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10 Local Development Scheme 2026-2031

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The Director of Planning and Regulation submitted a report to request that Cabinet approve the Local Development Scheme 2026-2031, which sets out the work programme for the Oxford Local Plan 2045.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Approve** the Local Development Scheme 2026-2031;
2. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation Services to make any necessary minor corrections not materially affecting the document prior to publication.

11 Oxford Local Plan 2045 Next Steps

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The Director of Planning and Regulation submitted a report to request that Cabinet recommend that Council approve the Proposed Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045 for submission to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Recommend** Council to authorise submission of the Oxford Local Plan 2045 to the Secretary of State for examination, including the minor amendments made according to recommendation 3;
2. **Recommend** Council to approve all the supporting statutory documentation including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP), Policies Map, Regulation 18 Consultation Statement, Regulation 19 Consultation Statement and Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendices 2-7 & 9); 18 October 2019 .
3. **Recommend** Council to authorise the Director of Planning and Regulation, after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to make any necessary minor editorial corrections to the Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045, IDP, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment, Policies Map, and to agree the supporting evidence base prior to submission;
4. **Recommend** Council to authorise the Director of Planning and Regulation, after consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member, to invite the examining inspector(s) to recommend any modifications considered to be necessary in accordance with section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act

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12 Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4

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The Director of Housing submitted a report to seek the required budget provision and the necessary project approval and delegations to enable the Council to proceed with entering into the national Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Approve** receipt of the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4 (LAHF R4) funding of £1,719,354 to deliver 4 temporary accommodation units and 4 units for resettled Afghan families
2. **Recommend** to Council, to approve the allocation of £808,000 of the LAHF R4 grant funding in substitution of approved HRA borrowing for the delivery of the temporary accommodation element of LAHF R4.
3. **Recommend** to Council, to approve the allocation of £898,500 of the LAHF R4 grant funding to a new General Fund capital budget for the payment of a capital grant of 898,500 to a Registered Provider to deliver the 'resettlement' element of LAHF R4.
4. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Housing in consultation with; Cabinet Member for Regulation of the Private Rented Sector and Preventing Homelessness, the Group Finance Director and the Director of Law Governance and Strategy, to select a Registered Provider delivery partner and enter into a grant agreement with them to part fund the purchase of 4 units for resettled Afghan families.

13 Annual Review of the Council of Sanctuary Framework 2025-2028

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The Director of Housing submitted a report to provide an update to Cabinet on the progress made in Year 1 of the Council of Sanctuary Framework 2025-28 and to seek approval for the implementation of the Year 2 Action Plan.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Note** the progress made in Year 1 to implement the Council of Sanctuary Framework and Action Plan and the emerging risks

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and challenges for delivery over the next year and beyond

2. **Approve** the adoption of the new Framework Action Plan for Year 2 (26-27); and
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to update the Action Plan when required to respond to emerging risks and challenges.

14 HRA Policies

3465 -
3574

The Director of Housing submitted a report to request that Cabinet recommend that Council approve the following policies: complaints, lifting equipment and lifting operations, voids.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Recommend** full Council to approve the draft Complaints Policy
2. **Recommend** full Council to approve the draft Lifting Equipment and Lifting Operations Policy
3. **Recommend** full Council to approve the draft Voids Policy

15 Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

3575 -
3610

The Director of Planning and Regulation submitted a report to Cabinet to request approval of the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy for adoption.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Approve** the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy (at Appendix 1) for adoption.
2. **Delegate authority** to the Director of Planning and Regulation, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and the Portfolio Holder, to approve future updates to the policy where such changes are consistent with the overall policy approach and reflect changes to legislation or relevant case law.

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16	Park and Ride Charges	3611 - 3618
The Director of Regeneration, Economy and Sustainability submitted a report to request that Cabinet introduce temporary discounted combined ticket charge funded by Oxfordshire County Council. Cabinet is recommended to: 1. Approve amending the fees and charges schedule as it relates to the Park and Ride 16 hour combined bus and parking tickets as set out in Appendix 1 to be implemented as soon after this decision as practicable and to run until 31 March 2027.		
17	Thames Valley Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)	3619 - 3640
The Director Planning & Regulation submitted a report to Cabinet to note the development of, and governance arrangements for, a Thames Valley SDS. Cabinet is recommended to: 1. Note the governance and development of the Thames Valley Spatial Development Strategy 2. Agree to officer and member involvement in the early programme stages as outlined in this report, in particular with regards to the governance model and assisting in the development of the Thames Valley SDS.		
18	Development and Governance Decision to Direct Award OCC's Water Supply and Wastewater Contract	3641 - 3708
The Director of Regeneration, Economy and Sustainability submitted a report to Cabinet to request that Cabinet Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive - Place to Direct Award the Council's Water Supply and Wastewater Contract to Anglian Water Business (National) Limited t/a Wave Utilities on a 2+1+1 contract term, subject to final contract price; and delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive - Place to make non-substantive changes to the framework should they become necessary. Cabinet is recommended to:		

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1. **Approve** Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive - Place to Direct Award the Council's Water Supply and Wastewater Contract to Anglian Water Business (National) Limited t/a Wave Utilities on a 2+1+1 contract term, subject to final contract price; and delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive - Place to make non-substantive changes to the framework should they become necessary.

19 Procurement of a high-support service for accommodation for single homeless individuals

3709 -
3738

The Director of Housing submitted a report to Cabinet to request approval of the commencement of a procurement exercise for accommodation with high support in Oxford from 1st April 2027.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Give** project approval for the commencement of a procurement of an accommodation support service for individuals with multiple and complex support needs who are experiencing homelessness;
2. **Delegate** to the Director of Housing (following conclusion of the procurement) in consultation with the Group Finance Director, Director of Law Strategy and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Regulation of the Private Rented Sector and Preventing Homelessness), the authority to award a contract within the relevant budget.

20 Appointments to Outside Bodies

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The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report to Cabinet to request that Cabinet agree appointments to Outside Bodies for the 2026/2027 Council Year.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Approve** appointments to charities, trusts, community associations and other organisations as set out in Appendices 1A – 1D; and note the appointments to partnerships as detailed in Appendix 1E;
2. **Note** the guidance for appointees in Appendix 2; and
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Law, Governance and

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Strategy, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and where appropriate with other group leaders, to make any changes to appointments to Outside Bodies as required during the council year 2026/2027.

21 **Dates of future meetings**

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- 19 August 2026
- 16 September 2026
- 21 October 2026
- 18 November 2026

All meetings start at 6.00 pm.

Matters Exempt from Publication

If Cabinet wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for Cabinet to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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- Not to disturb or disrupt the meeting
- Not to edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings. This includes not editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule or show a lack of respect towards those being recorded.
- To avoid recording members of the public present, even inadvertently, unless they are addressing the meeting.

Please be aware that you may be recorded during your speech and any follow-up. If you are attending please be aware that recording may take place and that you may be inadvertently included in these.

The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any activities that in his or her opinion are disruptive.

Councillors declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". The matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

Members' Code – Other Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing** of one of your Other Registrable Interests*** then you must declare an

interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code – Non Registrable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which ***directly relates*** to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests, then you must declare the interest.

You must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room, if you answer in the affirmative to this test:

“Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.”

Otherwise, you may stay in the room, take part in the discussion and vote.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

** Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

*** Other Registrable Interests: a) any unpaid directorships b) any Body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority c) any Body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

How Oxford City Councillors and members of the public can engage at Cabinet

Addresses and questions by members of the public (15 minutes in total)

Members of the public can submit questions in writing about any item for decision at the meeting. Questions, stating the relevant agenda item, must be received by the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am two working days before the meeting (eg for a Tuesday meeting, the deadline would be 9.30am on the Friday before). Questions can be submitted either by letter or by email (to cabinet@oxford.gov.uk).

Answers to the questions will be provided in writing at the meeting; supplementary questions will not be allowed. If it is not possible to provide an answer at the meeting it will be included in the minutes that are published on the Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

The Chair has discretion in exceptional circumstances to agree that a submitted question or related statement (dealing with matters that appear on the agenda) can be asked verbally at the meeting. In these cases, the question and/or address is limited to 3 minutes, and will be answered verbally by the Chair or another Cabinet member or an officer of the Council. The text of any proposed address must be submitted within the same timescale as questions.

For this agenda item the Chair's decision is final.

Councillors speaking at meetings

Oxford City councillors may, when the chair agrees, address the Cabinet on an item for decision on the agenda (other than on the minutes). The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one working day before the meeting, stating the relevant agenda items. An address may last for no more than three minutes. If an address is made, the Cabinet member who has political responsibility for the item for decision may respond or the Cabinet will have regard to the points raised in reaching its decision.

Councillors speaking on Neighbourhood issues (10 minutes in total)

Any City Councillor can raise local issues on behalf of communities directly with the Cabinet. The member seeking to make an address must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 9.30am at least one working day before the meeting, giving outline details of the issue. Priority will be given to those members who have not already addressed the Cabinet within the year and in the order received. Issues can only be raised once unless otherwise agreed by the Cabinet. The Cabinet's responsibility will be to hear the issue and respond at the meeting, if possible, or arrange a written response within 10 working days.

Items raised by Cabinet members

Such items must be submitted within the same timescale as questions and will be for discussion only and not for a Cabinet decision. Any item which requires a decision of the Cabinet will be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet.