

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet

On Wednesday 8 July 2026

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday 8 July 2026.

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

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

Cabinet resolved 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.
5. **Ask** Council to endorse the recommendations from Cabinet and to **ask** the Leader to write to the Leader of the County Council to that effect.

9 Local Development Scheme 2026-2031

Cabinet resolved 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.

10 **Oxford Local Plan 2045 Next Steps**

Cabinet resolved 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 2004.

11 **Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4**

Cabinet resolved 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.

12 **Annual Review of the Council of Sanctuary Framework 2025-2028**

Cabinet resolved to:

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

13 **HRA Policies**

Cabinet resolved 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

14 **Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy**

Cabinet resolved 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.

15 **Park and Ride Charges**

Cabinet resolved 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.

16 **Thames Valley Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)**

Cabinet resolved 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.

17 **Development and Governance Decision to Direct Award OCC's Water Supply and Wastewater Contract**

Cabinet resolved to:

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.

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

Cabinet resolved 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.

19 **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Cabinet resolved 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;
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Law, Governance and 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.

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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