

Agenda

Cabinet

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday 19 August 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	11 - 24
Recommendation: That Cabinet resolves to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 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 13th of August.	
5 Councillor addresses on any item for decision on the Cabinet agenda	
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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 11th of August 2026. The Climate and Environment Working Group met on 6 July 2026, and the Finance and Performance Working Group met on 15 July 2026.

The Committee and its Working Groups considered the following reports:

- Cowley Branch Line infrastructure and public realm funding
- The Heat Network Project

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

9 Procurement of a GO strategic partner

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The Transition Director submitted a report to Cabinet to seek Cabinet approval to procure a strategic partner for the design and implementation of a Greater Oxford Council, and working within an established systemwide LGR implementation governance framework.

It also seeks to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Finance Director and Monitoring Officer, to award and appoint the strategic partner consultancy support, except where there is an existing officer delegation within the Council's Constitution.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Note** the update as to the progression of the procurement of a strategic partner for the design and implementation of the Greater Oxford Council.
2. **Delegate** authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Finance Director and Monitoring Officer to award the contract.

10 Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) Review of existing zones and CIL spend

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The Director of Planning and Regulation submitted a report to Cabinet to request that Cabinet approve the request to add the West Oxford Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to the approved list of existing CPZ's in the city that are being reviewed by Oxfordshire County Council using

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previously agreed CIL monies.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Approve** the request to add the West Oxford Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to the approved list of existing CPZ's in the city being reviewed by Oxfordshire County Council using previously agreed CIL monies.
2. **Approve** the return of any further underspend to the CIL pot for strategic infrastructure.
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Planning and Regulation to make any further amendments to the list of CPZs included in the review.

11 **Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS)**

71 - 222

The Director of Planning and Regulation submitted a report to Cabinet to request that Cabinet endorse the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy following earlier endorsement by the Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. **Endorse** the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) which has already been endorsed by the Oxfordshire Joint Leaders Committee (OLJC) on 24th April 2026.

12 **Use of CIL funding to support infrastructure and public realm related to the Cowley Branch Line**

223 -
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The Deputy Chief Executive - Place submitted a report to Cabinet to seek approval for future CIL funding collected within the vicinity of the Cowley Branch Line to be ringfenced to meet necessary infrastructure and public realm costs in relation to the reopening of the line for passenger services.

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Ringfence 30% of future CIL income arising from development within 1.5 km of either of the two CBL stations to a cap of £2.5m or for a period of 10 years (whichever is earlier) to repay forward funding agreed by Oxfordshire County Council to support essential infrastructure and public realm works in relation to the

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line. This ringfencing applies only once existing CIL commitments in relation to Cowley Branch from previous Cabinet decisions have been met (as set out in paragraph 12-14).

13 Dates of future meetings

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- 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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Information for those attending

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The Council asks those recording the meeting:

- To follow the protocol which can be found on the Council's [website](#)
- 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.