

Agenda

Council

Summons

A meeting of the City Council will be held to transact the business set out below on

Date: **Monday 13 July 2026**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**



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Membership of Council

Councillors: Membership 48: Quorum 12.

Lord Mayor Councillor Chewe Munkonge

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Louise Upton

Sheriff Councillor Linda Smith

Members	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Councillor Mark Lygo
	Councillor Lubna Arshad	Councillor Sajjad Malik
	Councillor Mohammed Azad	Councillor Katherine Miles
	Councillor Dr. Ahalya Bala	Councillor Dr. Max Morris
	Councillor Susan Brown	Councillor Lois Muddiman
	Councillor Nigel Chapman	Councillor Edward Mundy
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Councillor Simon Ottino
	Councillor Tiago Corais	Councillor Alex Powell
	Councillor Alfie Davis	Councillor Susanna Pressel
	Councillor Sushila Dhall	Councillor Asima Qayyum
	Councillor Lizzy Diggins	Councillor Anna Railton
	Councillor Trish Elphinstone	Councillor Dr Dianne Regisford
	Councillor Laurence Fouweather	Councillor Kate Robinson
	Councillor James Fry	Councillor Mike Rowley
	Councillor Andrew Gant	Councillor Anne Stares
	Councillor Stephen Goddard	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Judith Harley	Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
	Councillor David Henwood	Councillor James Taylor
	Councillor Chris Jarvis	Councillor James Thorniley
	Councillor Theodore Jupp	Councillor Elizabeth Turkson Wood
	Councillor Emily Kerr	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor Siobhan Lancaster	Councillor Ian Yeatman

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

Agenda

The business to be transacted is set out below

	Pages
Minute's silence and tributes	
To hear tributes and observe a minute's silence in memory of former Lord Mayors or serving councillors or serving senior officers who have died.	
PART 1 - PUBLIC BUSINESS	
1 Apologies for absence	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Minutes	23 - 104
Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 23 March 2026 and Annual Council held on 20 May 2026. Council is asked to approve the minutes as a correct record.	
4 Appointment to Committees	
Any proposed changes will be circulated in a supplement ahead of the meeting.	
5 Announcements	
Announcements by: 1. The Lord Mayor 2. The Sheriff 3. The Leader of the Council (who may with the permission of the Lord Mayor invite other councillors to make announcements) 4. The Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer 5. The City Rector	

6 Public addresses that relate to matters for decision at this meeting

Public addresses and questions to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of 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 Tuesday 7 July 2026.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

A total of 45 minutes is available for both public speaking items. Responses are included in this time.

7 Urgent Business

The Council may deal with business even though it is not on the agenda so long as:

- (a) the business is raised by a Motion on Notice under Rule 14 (Motions on Notice);
- (b) the Motion on Notice is delivered to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy not later than 4 hours before the start of the Meeting;
- (c) the Lord Mayor, or Council, if put to a vote, decide that the business is urgent (see Rule a); and
- (d) the agenda relating to the Meeting states that the Council may deal with urgent business at that Meeting.

Should the Lord Mayor determine that a matter is not urgent on the advice of the Monitoring Officer then the decision shall be final, subject to such reasons being explained to the meeting. Where there is no definitive view from the Monitoring Officer any member may, supported by [10] or more member by a show of hands, may request that the matter be put to a vote to determine if it should be heard.

Should the majority determine in any vote that the matter is urgent (whether put to the meeting by the Lord Mayor or by a member supported by ten others) then Council will debate it under Rule 11.20 Rules of Debate. Where it is determined that the matter is not urgent, the matter shall be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting (i.e. not to an Extraordinary Council Meeting).

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

8 Proposed Submission: Draft Oxford Local Plan 2045

105 -
3430

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

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **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. **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);
3. **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. **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.

9 HRA Property Services Policies

3431 -
3726

The Director of Housing has submitted a report to approve the following policies: aids and adaptations, complaints, compliance, decant, disposals, gas safety, health and safety, lifting equipment and lifting operations, mutual exchange, no access, permit to work, radon and voids to ensure the maintenance and good management of the housing stock.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **Approve** the Aids and Adaptations Policy
2. **Approve** the Complaints Policy
3. **Approve** the Compliance Policy

4. **Approve** the Decant Policy
5. **Approve** the Disposals Policy
6. **Approve** the Gas Safety Policy
7. **Approve** the Health and Safety Policy
8. **Approve** the Lifting Equipment and Lifting Operations Policy
9. **Approve** the Mutual Exchange Policy
10. **Approve** the No Access Policy
11. **Approve** the Permit to Work Policy
12. **Approve** the Radon Policy
13. **Approve** the Voids Policy

10 Local Authority Housing Fund - Round 4

3727 -
3748

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

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **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.
2. **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.

11 Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan

3749 -
3800

The Director of Planning and Regulation has submitted a report to agree to "make" the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **"Make"** the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix 1). The Plan has been approved at referendum it and now forms part of the statutory development plan in helping to determine planning applications for the Littlemore Neighbourhood Area. The 'making' of the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan would formalise this process in line with the relevant legislation.
2. **Authorise** the Director of Planning and Regulation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Culture, to make any necessary editorial corrections to the Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan prior to final publication. This will include a final desktop published version of the Littlemore Neighbourhood

Plan.

OFFICER REPORTS

12 Urgent Key Decisions Since January 2026

3801 -
3806

The Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer) has submitted a report to update Council on key decisions taken in cases of special urgency since 26 January 2026.

Recommendation: That Council resolves to:

1. **Note** the urgent key decisions taken in cases of special urgency as set out in the report.

QUESTIONS

13 Questions on Cabinet minutes

This item has a time limit of 15 minutes.

Councillors may ask the Cabinet Members questions about matters in the minutes since the previous meeting of full Council.

This item will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

14 Questions on Notice from Members of Council

Questions on notice from councillors received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.11(b).

Questions on notice may be asked of the Lord Mayor, a Member of the Cabinet or a Chair of a Committee. One supplementary question may be asked at the meeting.

The full text of questions must have been received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by no later than 1.00pm on Wednesday 1 July 2026.

These, and written responses where available, will be published in the briefing note.

PART 2 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SCRUTINY

15 Public addresses that do not relate to matters for decision at this Council meeting

Public addresses to the Leader or other Cabinet member received in accordance with Council Procedure Rules in the Constitution and not relating to matters for decision in Part 1 of 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 Tuesday 7 July 2026.

The briefing note will contain the text of addresses and questions submitted by the deadline, and written responses where available.

*A total of 45 minutes is available for both public speaking items.
Responses*

Reports and questions about organisations the Council is represented on

16 Scrutiny Committee Annual Report

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has submitted a report which updates Council on the activities of the Scrutiny Committee over the last year.

Council is invited to comment on and note the report.

This item will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

17 Scrutiny Committee update report

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has submitted a report which updates Council on the activities of scrutiny and the implementation of recommendations since the last meeting of Council.

Council is invited to comment on and note the report.

This item will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

PART 3 - MOTIONS REPRESENTING THE CITY

18 Motions on Notice July 2026

This item has a time limit of 60 minutes.

Motions received by the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy in accordance with the rules in Section 11 of the Constitution by the deadline of 1.00pm on Wednesday 1 July 2026 are listed below.

Cross party motions are taken first. Motions will then be taken in turn from the Labour Group, Green Group, Liberal Democrat Group, Oxford Independent Group, Real Independent Group, in that order.

Substantive amendments to these motions must be sent by councillors to the Director of Law, Governance and Strategy by no later than 10.00am on Friday 10 July 2026 so that they may be circulated with the briefing note.

Minor technical or limited wording amendments may be submitted during the meeting but must be written down and circulated.

Council is asked to consider the following motions:

- a. E-bikes (Proposed by Cllr Turner, Seconded by Cllr Railton)
- b. The EHRC Code of Practice and Trans Rights (Proposed by Cllr Morris, Seconded by Cllr Jarvis)
- c. Make Every Vote Count (Proposed by Cllr Snowton, Seconded by Cllr Altaf Khan)
- d. Ensuring the Oxford Living Wage is delivered where it would impact most (Proposed by Cllr Taylor, Seconded by Cllr Rowley)
- e. The Oxford Union and the Far Right (Proposed by Cllr Davis, Seconded by Cllr Dhall)
- f. Use of Park and Rides to facilitate pupil transport services (Proposed by Cllr Gant, Seconded by Cllr Miles)
- g. Pregnancy Support Services (Proposed by Cllr Turner, Seconded by Cllr Diggins)
- h. Inequity of Public Transport Provision and Safe Segregated Cycle Path provision across the City (Proposed by Cllr Elphinstone, Seconded by Cllr Ottino)

18a E-bikes (Proposed by Cllr Turner, Seconded by Cllr Railton)

Council believes:

- That substantial public concern and risk is caused by use of illegally modified e-bikes and mopeds which are not

authorised for public roads;

- That the government's proposal for a National Work-Related Road Safety Charter to improve compliance by employers, while a good initiative, will not be strong enough to address the menace caused by these dangerous vehicles;
- That while individuals committing offences by using these vehicles on public roads, pavements, cycle paths or tow paths must feel the full force of the law, so too must those who tacitly support their use such as delivery platforms and retailers;
- That those who profit from the sale of kit from the illegal modification of bikes should cease doing so

Council welcomes and endorses:

- Recent enforcement efforts by Thames Valley Police to seize and destroy such vehicles;
- The campaign run by the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) and the Bicycle Association (BA), which presses for national guidance to identify, seize and prosecute non-compliant e-bikes, strengthened oversight of the supply chain and delivery platforms (including mandatory compliance checks for fleet operators), and stronger enforcement against online marketplaces and retailers selling non-compliant vehicles and modification kits;
- Attempts to ensure that regulations relating to the Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025 prevent the sale of kits using lithium-ion batteries which could be used to modify bikes in an unsafe manner.

Council resolves:

- To ask the leader to write to the Secretary of State for Transport in support of the MCIA / BA campaign, with copy to their CEOs and Oxford's MPs, and urge swift action and stronger enforcement against riders who break the law, relevant employers and those who enable illegal activity
- To ask the leader to write to the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner urging an increase in enforcement activity against these vehicles and offering City Council support so far as this is feasible.

18b The EHRC Code of Practice and Trans Rights (Proposed by Cllr Morris, Seconded by Cllr Jarvis)

Council notes:

- In November 2021, this council passed a motion titled 'Becoming a trans inclusive Council',^[1] which stated: "Trans women are women. Trans men are men. Non-binary people are non-binary", and "Our aspiration is for Oxford to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive city for everyone, no matter their gender identity."
- Since the passing of the motion, the Supreme Court has issued a ruling on the definition of the protected characteristic of sex as set out in the Equality Act.^[2]
- Following the Supreme Court ruling, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) updated its Code of Practice on the Equality Act in May 2026.^[3]
- LGBT+ rights organisations have warned the revised EHRC Code of Practice creates new gaps in the UK's equalities framework, with Stonewall stating "the current situation is untenable" and that "there is now a significant gap in equality protections for trans+ people in the UK",^[4] and Gendered Intelligence arguing the new situation "empowers those who want to exclude trans people from services" and "the Code – and the law in general – needs to be brought up to date".^[5]

Council believes:

- The principles of the November 2021 motion still apply and still reflect this Council's beliefs.
- Since the November 2021 motion was passed by this council, trans and non-binary people have been subjected to a manufactured moral panic which seeks to demonise their very existence and undermine their rights.
- Overly simplistic approaches to understanding sex, gender and sexuality can undermine the rights not only of trans and non-binary people, but also those of gender non-conforming cisgender people.
- Trans and non-binary residents of our city deserve reassurance they will not be discriminated against in the provision of council services, and that this council will work to ensure equalities legislation protects them.

Council resolves:

- To request that the leader of the Council writes to the Minister for Women and Equalities calling for the government

to introduce new legislation which extends trans and non-binary peoples' rights and access to services.

- To request that the leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members for Healthy Fairer Oxford, for Planning and Culture and for Citizen Focused Services engage with council bodies, local businesses and local trans rights groups to ensure that the rights, dignity and privacy of trans and non-binary residents of Oxford are supported to the maximum extent permitted by law in the delivery of services.
- To request that the Cabinet member for Healthy Fairer Oxford encourages officers to communicate to More Leisure this council's support for an inclusive approach to accessing facilities and encourage More Leisure to ensure they continue to provide services which are, to the maximum extent permissible by law, appropriate to the self-identification of Oxford residents.
- To endorse the creation of a cross-party working group within the city council to ensure trans and non-binary residents' access to services are maintained in light of the current equalities framework.

^[1] <https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=31680>

^[2] <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-10259/>

^[3] <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/equality-act-2010-draft-code-of-practice-for-services-public-functions-and-associations-2026>

^[4] <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/shaping-policy/the-ehrcs-statutory-guidance-and-the-uk-supreme-court-ruling>

^[5] <https://genderedintelligence.co.uk/news/33-updated-ehrc-code-of-practice-gis-response>

18c Make Every Vote Count (Proposed by Cllr Smowton, Seconded by Cllr Altaf Khan)

This Council notes that:

- Per the Electoral Reform Society, at the 2024 General Election more than half of votes cast did not influence the result. ^[1]
- The 2024 election returned the largest government majority since 1997, on the back of less than 34% of the vote – the smallest government vote share since McDonald's 1923 minority government.
- More in Common's latest MRP projects that the next general election could return Reform around 50% of MPs on just 28% of the vote. ^[2]
- Also per the ERS, the projected national vote share from this year's local elections were fragmented, with Reform achieving the highest total on just 26% or 27% vote shares,

depending on how the projection is made.^[3]

- This year's Oxfordshire elections saw five councillors elected on less than 30% of the vote.^[4]
- Several front-runners to replace the Prime Minister in the forthcoming leadership contest have expressed support for proportional voting.^[5]
- More-proportional Additional Member and Single Transferable Vote elections have been conducted in all nations of the UK except England.

This Council believes that:

- Every vote cast in any UK election should have a bearing on the result.
- In an era of increasingly-fragmented politics, our electoral system must ensure that all elected bodies command a mandate from the majority of voters.
- It is therefore vital that our next Prime Minister firmly backs the use of a proportional electoral system

This Council resolves:

- To ask the Leader to write to the new Prime Minister, upon their taking office, to request that they promptly bring forth legislation to introduce a proportional electoral system at all levels of government.

^[1] <https://election2024.electoral-reform.org.uk/>

^[2] <https://www.moreincommon.org.uk/research/more-in-commons-april-mrp-2/>

^[3] <https://electoral-reform.org.uk/how-would-each-party-have-done-if-mays-elections-were-across-all-of-britain/>

^[4] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_Cherwell_District_Council_election, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_West_Oxfordshire_District_Council_election

^[5] <https://electoral-reform.org.uk/frontrunners-declaring-for-proportional-representation-crystallises-the-growing-support-in-the-labour-party/>

18d Ensuring the Oxford Living Wage is delivered where it would impact most (Proposed by Cllr Taylor, Seconded by Cllr Rowley)

This Council welcomes:

- The success of accrediting 193 employers to the Oxford

Living Wage

- The fact that 32,000 employees are guaranteed the Oxford Living Wage as a result of the scheme
- The amount of local and independent businesses that have signed up to the Oxford Living Wage

This Council notes:

- The fact that jobs like baristas, retail assistants, and high street workers tend to be among the worst-paid professions in the UK
- The lack of large companies paying an Oxford Living Wage
- The possibility of accredited Living Wage employers outsourcing key roles to ensure they are accredited as paying the Oxford Living Wage
- That 12 Oxford Colleges do not pay their staff the Oxford Living Wage
- That Oxfordshire County Council is not an Oxford Living Wage employer

This Council urges:

- The cabinet member responsible for the Oxford Living Wage, or a member of their team, to meet with large high street companies to promote the payment of an Oxford Living Wage for shopfronts operating in Oxford
- The cabinet member responsible for the Oxford Living Wage, or a member of their team, to encourage accredited Living Wage employers to request companies that where they outsource to third parties that operate in Oxford to redirect to the they seek where possible to ensure that the third party also pay the Oxford Living Wage
- The leader of the council, or someone they designate as responsible, to meet with representatives from UNITE, UNISON, GMB and USDAW to encourage a joined-up Oxford Living Wage campaign

18e The Oxford Union and the Far Right (Proposed by Cllr Davis, Seconded by Cllr Dhall)

Council Notes:

- During June 2026 there were riots in Southampton, Belfast, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.[\[1\]](#)

- These riots have included evidence of residents being targeted on the basis of the colour of their skin or assumed nationality or religion.^[2]
- There is direct evidence to support the role of right-wing political activists in encouraging these events of unrest.
- On 17 June 2026, the private members club, The Oxford Union, hosted a debate under the prompt 'The West is right to be suspicious of Islam.'^[3]
- This event included Tommy Robinson and Laurence Fox. Both of whom are widely considered to be on the far-right of British Politics.
- There is significant evidence to suggest that Robinson and Fox have directly contributed to inciting previous incidents of unrest and the targeting of particular groups.^[4]
- In response to this event and the threat of unrest it brought, several Oxford businesses felt compelled to close on the evening of 17 June 2026.^[5]
- Many people of colour and members of the Islamic faith felt threatened and fearful as a result of the invitation.
- 17 June 2026 was the date of England's first world cup match and would, therefore, have been likely to be a particularly lucrative financial event for many of the pubs forced to close.

Council Believes:

- Given the past statements of the speakers and the actions of those who support them, businesses had reason to be concerned about the safety and welfare of their staff and wider community.
- The Oxford Union should cover the full costs associated with policing the event on 17 June.
- In light of the costs imposed on businesses by the event, the Oxford Union should offer to compensate businesses both for lost profits (based on a reasonable projection of income taken for the night) and increased costs (such as the need to deploy additional security) for those that remained open.
- The Oxford Union has acted in a grossly irresponsible manner and should be far more careful in considering the impacts on the city and community when downsizing any future invitations to speakers.

Council Resolves:

- To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the President of the Oxford Union and the Police and Crime Commissioner

clearly outlining the view that the Oxford Union should cover the full cost of the policing operation and asking for discussions to action this to be opened.

- To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Oxford Union stating the Council's position that the Oxford Union should create a process for businesses to apply for compensation for lost profits and additional costs.
- To ask the Leader of the Council to make a statement on behalf of the Council condemning the Union's irresponsible behaviour and stating all other steps taken in response to this motion.

[1] <https://bbc.com/news/articles/cvgjxxz0mp8o>

[2] <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwy03rneqxzo>

[3] <https://oxford-union.org/news/oxford-union-news/53/53-Event-update-28-May-debate-now-on-17-June>

[4] <https://novaramedia.com/2026/05/15/tommy-robinson-nigel-farage-and-a-riot-over-a-crime-that-never-happened/>

[5] <https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/26197654.oxford-pubs-closing-early-boarding-up-amid-unrest-fears/>

18f Use of Park and Rides to facilitate pupil transport services (Proposed by Cllr Gant, Seconded by Cllr Miles)

Council notes that:

- Traffic in Oxford, like everywhere else, is significantly worse during school term time.
- That private schools can generate disproportionately more traffic than state schools for reasons some of which are perfectly legitimate, for example the geographic spread from which pupils are drawn.
- That while there always has to be significant caution around drawing too direct causal links, especially in something as fluid and complex as the transport system in a city, it is clear that reducing the amount of traffic generated by schools, in particular by private schools, would be hugely beneficial, not just for the wider community and other road users but also for residents, the schools themselves in reducing congestion around the school gate and competition for constrained road space, and for children by promoting healthy choices and encouraging independence.
- That many private schools in Oxford have put a large amount of resource into laying on their own, bespoke, school bus and minibus services, with considerable success, and should be warmly thanked and congratulated.
- That safe, convenient, reliable ways for pupils and parents to access these services are key to their success and growth.
- That Oxford's five Park and Ride sites are an obvious

resource for facilitating interchange to and from these services.

Council therefore resolves:

- To ask the Leader and Cabinet member to commit to doing everything it can to facilitate use of the three Park and Ride sites it manages by these pupil transport services, to pro-actively engage with schools, bus operators, the County Council and local members to make it happen, and to report back to council before the beginning of the new school year in September.

18g Pregnancy Support Services (Proposed by Cllr Turner, Seconded by Cllr Diggins)

Council believes:

- That proper support for women in pregnancy extends far beyond physical care and includes emotional and psychological support;
- That this is exceptionally important in cases where women experience early-pregnancy loss, miscarriage, gynaecological trauma, fertility treatment, IVF or complex conditions such as endometriosis.

Council notes:

- That Oxford University NHS Hospitals Trust has consulted on the closure of its Gynaecology Counselling Service, with staff potentially to be made redundant or redeployed.

Council resolves:

- To oppose the closure of this vital service;
- To welcome the decision by the Trust to pause the consultation on closure in the light of the strong public support for the service, but to press for a long-term commitment to its future;
- To ask the Cabinet Member for Healthy, Fairer Oxford to write to the CEO of Oxford University NHS Hospitals Trust expressing the views in this motion, with copy to Oxford's MPs and the General Secretary of the UNITE trade union.

18h Inequity of Public Transport Provision and Safe Segregated Cycle Path provision across the City (Proposed by Cllr Elphinstone, Seconded by Cllr Ottino)

- There is an inequity of both Public Transport Provision and Safe Segregated Cycle Path Provision across the City.
- This particularly affects areas such as Greater Leys which is the most distant part of the City from the City Centre and many amenities. It is the area with the highest proportion of residents on low income.
- This Council requests that the Leader writes to County Councillor Gareth Epps asking him to review both issues and to urgently address these matters.
- In particular requesting, he consider the use of subsidies to provide a minibus route around Greater Leys connecting to Cowley Centre, and he brings forward plans to create a Segregated Cycle Path on Watlington Rd and Garsington Rd and to properly maintain the route on Blackbird Leys Rd so that it isn't overgrown and made unusable by hedges.

Matters exempt from publication and exclusion of the public

If Council wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding agenda items it will be necessary for Council to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act 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.

(The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Section 15 of the Council's Constitution – sets out the conditions under which the public can be excluded from meetings of the Council)

Updates and additional information to supplement this agenda are published in the Council Briefing Note.	
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Additional information, councillors' questions, public addresses and amendments to motions are published in a supplementary briefing note. The agenda and briefing note should be read together.

The Briefing Note is published as a supplement to the agenda. It is available on the Friday before the meeting and can be accessed along with the agenda on the council's website.

Information for those attending

Recording and reporting on meetings held in public

Members of public and press can record, or report in other ways, the parts of the meeting open to the public. You are not required to indicate in advance but it helps if you notify the Committee and Member Services Officer prior to the meeting so that they can inform the Chair and direct you to the best place to record.

The Council asks Councillors and members of the press and public 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 recordings 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.