

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee

On Wednesday 28 January 2026

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on Wednesday 28 January 2026.

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.

6 Setting of the Council Tax Base 2026-27

That Audit and Governance Committee resolved to:

1. **Agree** that the 2026/27 Council Tax Base for the City Council's area as a whole is set at **48,724.9** (as shown in Appendix 1)
2. **Agree** that the projected level of collection is set at **98%**
3. **Agree** that the tax bases for the Parishes, and for the Unparished Area of the City (as shown in Appendix 2) be set as follows:

Unparished Area of the City	40,729.2
Littlemore Parish	2,138.8
Old Marston Parish	1,319.8
Risinghurst & Sandhills Parish	1,604.0
Blackbird Leys Parish	2,933.4
City Council Total	48,725.2

10 Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

The Audit and Governance Committee resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/2025;
2. **Note** the action plan appended to the Annual Governance Statement and that progress will be reported on in 2026; and;
3. **Delegate** authority to the Director of Law, Governance & Strategy to make any typographical changes to the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 that may be required before publication on the Council's website.

11 Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

The Audit and Governance Committee resolved to:

1. **Approve** the latest 2024/25 Statement of Accounts as agreed by the Group Finance Director and **authorise** the Chair of the Committee to sign the Accounts incorporating any further changes arising from the ongoing audit.
2. **Agree** that a Letter of Representations for 2024/25 incorporating any statements required by the external auditor arising from the ongoing audit be signed and issued by the Group Finance Director and the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee to enable the external auditor's opinion to be issued (paragraphs 14 to 15).

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

The Decision is available on the [Council's website](#) for the call-in period.