

Record of Decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet On Thursday 4 December 2025

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Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday 4 December 2025.

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.

7 **Devolution Expression of Interest for Oxfordshire within a Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority**

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Endorse** the benefits from the proposed devolution of powers and functions to a future Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority, and agrees to continue building on the collaborative approach across the region to date;
2. **Endorse** the Expression of Interest (EOI) to be submitted by Oxfordshire County Council as the upper-tier authority to Government, noting that the EOI is designed to proactively position our region for early consideration in the next wave of the Devolution Programme;
3. **Acknowledge** the EOI as an initial invitation to Government, opening further dialogue and engagement, and not a decision to establish a Strategic Authority;
4. **Agree** that a further report will be brought to Cabinet prior to any final decision by Oxfordshire County Council as upper-tier authority on the creation of a Strategic Authority; and
5. **Note** an informal Devolution Programme Board will oversee discussions with Government, ensuring robust governance and stakeholder engagement by elected members throughout this process.

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.