

City Executive Board response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee (2 April 2019) and the Housing Panel (8 April 2019)

Fusion Lifestyle

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
Recommendation 1: That further work is undertaken to accelerate the consistent scheduling of time appropriate female only pool sessions in Blackbird Leys, and that a date is provided for when this will be done.	Yes	Fusion are very aware of the need and benefits of adding a further ladies only session and they are now finalising how they can adjust the swimming programme accordingly. We expect that this new session will start in the next few months.

Oxford Living Wage

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
Recommendation 1: That the Council continues to seek out ways to incentivise local businesses to become Oxford Living Wage accredited employers.	Yes	We will explore best practice and consider what ways businesses can be incentivised to ensure positive social and environmental impact through initiatives such as the Oxford Living Wage
Recommendation 2: That the Council's promotional activity around the Oxford Living Wage incorporates customer facing marketing, which encourages conscience driven spending with Oxford Living Wage accredited shops and services.	Yes	We will consider ways to incorporate this into the annual programme of activity.
Recommendation 3: That the Council engages with trade unions, campaign groups, parish councils and other community groups to broaden the pool of pressure groups in the City and better coordinate the local Oxford Living Wage campaign.	Yes	Officers will work alongside the Living Wage Champion who already undertakes this work

Floyd's Row

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That the Council continues to encourage the Government to provide funding to plug the capital shortfall while also exploring opportunities to draw on other local and national funding streams for specific purposes.	Yes	<p>Council Officers (including the Head of Housing and Assistant Chief Executive) met with the Council's MHCLG Specialist Rough Sleeping Advisor on 9th April 2019 to further highlight the merits of the Oxford bid in the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) funding round currently being evaluated by the MHCLG.</p> <p>We will also make representations at senior level in CLG and the LGA and ask the other Oxfordshire authorities to do likewise to further support this bid and stress the importance of this funding opportunity to deliver a project to significantly address and reduce rough sleeping across Oxfordshire.</p>
2. That the Council builds on the successful service user engagement activities that have taken place by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensuring (through the contract with the service provider) that a culture of service user participation will be maintained at Floyd's Row. b) Taking a similar approach to service user participation and co-production in future projects. 	Yes	<p>Officers will seek to embed the practice of service users engagement in the service delivery of this new service, recognising that this can be best achieved through various measures, including pro-active participation and co-design; organisational culture and staff attitudes; using volunteers and persons with lived experience in the mainstream delivery of services, etc. This approach can be underpinned through requirements in the service specification and contracts.</p> <p>Officers will disseminate the approach used in this design exercise through the Project Management Office and seek to co-produce other services based on these principles and lessons learnt, to maximise the user voice in service delivery.</p>

Breaches in Building Control

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That consideration is given to how to ensure that high quality delivery and best value will be secured when the Council (or its housing company) will be taking ownership of multiple new build properties, for example by employing or insisting on the employment of a Clerk of Works to oversee the	Yes	<p>The Council already employs a clerk of works for the more complicated projects an example being the towers refurbishment. The latter also included the funding of a full time building control officer with a specific focus on fire safety. Smaller projects will have internal project management that has a quality control function but this is usually in tandem with</p>

quality and safety of the building work.		ODSL as contractor. The Housing Company also employs a clerk of works function for their developments and will consider the use of OCC building control subject to a procurement process. The Council also employs a CoW for the Council/ OCHL units coming from the BOLLP on Barton Park. This is in addition to an exacting design and quality specification established by BOLLP.
2. That the Council continues to prioritise the successful practice of employing and training apprentices within the Building Control Service, giving particular emphasis to the need to ensure that an appropriate level of training and mentoring is provided by permanent staff.	Yes	

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