**Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee made on 02/11/2021 concerning the Cabinet Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2022-25 report**

**Provided by the Cabinet Member for a Safer, Healthier Oxford, Councillor Louise Upton**

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| ***Recommendation*** | ***Agree?*** | ***Comment*** |
| 1. **That the Council amends the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy 2022-25 as follows:** 2. **Principle three to read “Anti-social behaviour will be addressed firmly, fairly, proportionately and holistically”** 3. **That reference throughout the document to ‘customers’ is reworded around ‘citizens’** | Yes  Yes |  |
| 1. **That the Council amends its Anti-Social Behaviour Procedure 2022-25 as follows:** 2. **to include a paragraph on the diversionary activities the Council itself provides or in partnership to prevent anti-social behaviour** 3. **to address issues around invasive evidence gathering, and link to best practice guidance** 4. **to note negative impacts associated with anti-social behaviour-related evictions, and reference the Council’s commitment to using this power as a last resort** 5. **to alter s. 7.4 so it reads “All complex cases that involve homeless or vulnerably housed people”** 6. **to reference the Council’s commitment to removing racist graffiti within 24 hours** | Yes  Yes  Yes  Yes |  |

**Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee made on 02/11/2021 concerning the Cabinet East Oxford Community Centre and Housing Development report**

**Provided by the Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities, Councillor Shaista Aziz**

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| ***Recommendation*** | ***Agree?*** | ***Comment*** |
| 1. **That the Council sets down plans for measuring and assessing the effectiveness of carbon-saving measures delivered on the East Oxford Community Centre development, and their cost efficiency in reducing carbon emissions.** | Yes |  |
| 1. **That the Council, where possible, recycles materials recovered from the demolition of the East Oxford Community Centre site, particularly steel and wood.** | Partially | We would recommend an action for us to develop a waste and recycling plan for demolition and look to recycle in line with this. However we also need to be careful to balance this recognising how recyclable some materials are and that we need to avoid high costs that are unaffordable within the approved budget |
| 1. **That the Council implements within three years of the new community centre being opened the preferred option for its management and operation** | Yes |  |
| 1. **That the Council includes within the risk register for this project those external risks to land values referenced in paragraph 52 of the Cabinet report** | Yes |  |

**Cabinet response to recommendations of the Housing and Homelessness Panel made on 04/11/2021 concerning the Cabinet report on Discretionary Housing Payment Policy**

**Provided by the Cabinet Member for Inclusive Communities, Councillor Shaista Aziz**

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| ***Recommendation*** | ***Agree?*** | ***Comment*** |
| 1. **That the Council includes a line within the HRA section of its proposed 2022/23 budget for DHP expenditure beyond the government grant.** | Yes | There is a relevant budget line within the proposed HRA budget. |

**Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee made on 14/07/2021 concerning the Council EV Strategy**

**Response provided by Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Green Transport and Zero Carbon Oxford, Tom Hayes**

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| ***Recommendation*** | ***Agree?*** | ***Comment*** |
| 1. ***That the Council amends paragraph 16 of the report to remove reference to the Council already being committed to Connecting Oxford, and states instead that the council has agreed to further scheme and business case development.*** | No | This Council supports the introduction of Connecting Oxford and on 9 September 2020, Scrutiny requested: *That the Council continues to employ its best endeavours in working with its partners to realise the plans for the Zero Emissions Zone and Connecting Oxford.* |
| 1. ***That the Council, in its planning for the adequacy of future EV charging infrastructure, ensures that the incentivising impact of other policies on demand for electric vehicles, such as the ZEZ, is taken into account*** | Yes | The EV Strategy and Implementation Plan is being commissioned to help inform the Council on how rising demand for EV charging in Oxford could best cover the years up to 2030 by which point, Oxfordshire County Council’s modelling suggests the clear majority of private vehicles in the city will be EV. Demand for EVs is being driven by a variety of factors including an increased focus by vehicle manufacturers, technology improvement, environmental awareness, and the looming deadline of 2030 after which no new petrol or diesel cars can be sold in the UK. Locally, the ZEZ may also be a factor, and this will be taken into account in the EV Strategy. |
| 1. ***That the Council investigates the practicability of not partnering with or commissioning organisations relating to the EV strategy in which it would be unable to invest because of its ethical investment policy***   ***3b) That the Council amends its ethical investment***  ***policy to make explicit reference to exploitative mining practices and arms trading as proscribed activities.*** | No  No | 4a) Electric vehicle charging is a rapidly growing market with different operators including both relatively small businesses and global corporations. The purpose of the EV strategy is to enable Oxford City Council to do more itself, in particular in the areas of the city which would typically be last in the queue to receive charging infrastructure—ours is an approach grounded in fairness and social justice.  We also believe that engagement is key to shape partners' approaches because dialogue and the airing of differences can get us to a better place. It also ensures that citizens and communities do not lose out on the EV infrastructure that they are requesting in order to be part of a greener and fairer future. We all believe as local councillors that the City Council to which we are elected has an important voice to raise and we will continue to raise it to advance our values.  4b) This is not linked to the commissioning of an EV Strategy. |