

Appendix A

Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 08 June 2022 concerning the City Centre Action Plan. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

Recommendation	Comment
1) That the Council seeks to more effectively engage with diverse communities as part of future consultation exercises, with a focus on using different methods of engagement to get responses from a wider demographic – and in particular increased responses from minoritised groups and young people.	<p>This feedback will be shared with the Officers advising on consultations to consider the best approach. We will consider how best to use the Resident’s Panel to ensure a more diverse response in future. The resident’s panel was sent the consultation in the knowledge it is representative of Oxford’s population. Where new projects come forward from the CCAP that require engagement or consultation, targeted methods will be employed to ensure a broad response from minoritised groups and young people.</p> <p>Officers already engage with employers regarding their workforce’s needs, and through officers in Communities teams regarding what can be learnt from their resident engagement. We also engage with communities when consulting on capital projects that are aligned with the OES and CCAP.</p>
2) That the Council notes the diversity of consultation responses received in relation to the City Centre Action Plan going forward and uses the intelligence to adapt the Plan to ensure it reflects that diversity.	Officers will utilise the diverse responses as the plan is adapted and also seek ongoing resident and business input on priorities as appropriate.
3) That the Council seeks to have diverse and representative annual resident engagement.	Officers will engage annually with groups of residents re the CCAP’s priorities
4) That the Council makes reference to additional forms of engagement undertaken outside of formal consultation exercises within the consultation report.	Officers will refer to these more specifically. Groups such as the Inclusive Transport and Movement Group and others such as Talk of the Town have been mentioned. Officers already engage with city centre employers regarding their workforce’s needs, and through officers in Communities teams regarding what can be learnt from their resident engagement. We also do and will engage with communities when

consulting on capital projects that are aligned with the OES and CCAP.