

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 05 December 2022 concerning the Thriving Communities Strategy 2023-2027. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1) That the Council states explicitly in the Executive Summary where changes have been made to our principles or ways of working, by contrast with those existing principles or ways of working that we intend to reaffirm or restate.	YES	<p>The strategy is due to be adopted by Cabinet in December 2023 and then by Council so we can only say what changes have been made after it has been formally agreed.</p> <p>If the principles of the Strategy are agreed, as part of the annual report to Cabinet we will demonstrate the changes that have been made through meaningful measures such as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Studies• Story Telling• Quality assurance• Quantitative data insight.
2) That the Council provides greater clarity around partnership working and distribution of work in the strategy by explaining clearly which partners are involved in particular projects and what the nature and level of that collaboration is.	YES	<p>The Council works with hundreds of partners and community groups, which is why we provided headlines in the draft strategy.</p> <p>Good examples are shown through the links in the draft strategy document, such as the Community Impact Zone, and Active Lifestyles Commissioning Group for Oxford's leisure future work. The latter includes partners such as: -</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Integrated Care Board• Public Health,• General Practitioners• Hospitals• Active Oxfordshire <p>We will review the draft strategy document and make some of these partnerships more explicit in a final revision of the strategy before it is desk top published.</p>
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