

Appendix A
Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the
Budget Review Group of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Budget Review Group and endorsed by the Scrutiny Committee on 06 February 2024 concerning the Scrutiny Budget Review 2024/25. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

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<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) That the Council sets out the net savings it is aiming to achieve in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme from 01 April 2025 onwards, then models several alternate scenarios as to how those savings might be achieved and consults, without expressing the Council's preference on which, if any, of these alternate scenarios should be pursued when the Council Tax Reduction Scheme goes out to public consultation.		
2) That the Council continues to pursue conversations with the owner of Golden Cross to negotiate the opening of their gate to enable access to the Covered Market from Cornmarket during late night opening.		
3) That the Council seeks to introduce a charge for 0-1 hours of parking at park and rides and factors projections into the Medium Term Financial Plan about the level of income this would raise.		
4) That the Council ensures adequate opportunities for cross-party Member involvement in the Strategic Review of Services Provided across Community Services from		

an early stage to facilitate meaningful Member input.		
5) That the Council facilitates meaningful and representative co-production with communities in shaping the Strategic Review of Services Provided across Community Services and its outcomes.		
6) That the Council reconsiders its proposed involvement in, and funding of, the Fibre to Homes initiative with a view to exploring whether there is a strong enough case for the Council to pursue it given the already sufficient internet speeds available in the properties in question and the limited availability of Council resources, which could be put to better use offsetting proposed cuts in other areas.		
7) That the Council includes data on children when undertaking data collection related to domestic abuse and homelessness going forward.		
8) That the Council compiles information to share with the future Government about the issues faced by local government as a result of a lack of coordination between Central Government departments, which could be solved by those departments communicating, collaborating and cooperating around policy development where there was direct or indirect overlap.		
9) That the Council continues to lobby the Home Office to engage with Oxford City Council and local authorities more broadly in relation to asylum dispersal hotels to enable more certainty around predictive modelling,		

resource implications and demand management.		
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