

## 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 2 December 2024 concerning the Thriving Communities Strategy Update. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agree?</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1) That Cabinet makes the Council commitment to creating a truly walkable Oxford clear, by specifying in Measure 6 of the Strategy that focused attention will be given to improving walkability in areas most affected by physical activity deprivation, in line with the motion passed by Full Council on 25 November 2024.	Yes	The Council is committed to Oxford being a truly walkable city and we will emphasise this in future reporting on measure 6.
2) That Cabinet incorporates comparative data over time in future updates of the Strategy to contextualise the scale of progress and identify gender disparities, particularly in activities like swimming, to guide and refine targeted interventions.	Yes	We will incorporate comparative data in future reporting on the strategy.
3) That Cabinet draws on and incorporates lessons learned from the implementation of this strategy to inform and strengthen the preparation of its next iteration, ensuring future improvements are grounded in evidence and best practices.	Yes	We will draw on and incorporate lessons learned from the implementation of this strategy to inform and strengthen the preparation of its next iteration, ensuring future improvements are grounded in evidence and best practices.

<p>4) That Cabinet promotes the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit health hub in Rose Hill as a case study to highlight its positive outcomes and innovative practices, disseminating these successes nationally to encourage other councils to adopt similar initiatives.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>We will consider how to improve the promotion of achievements in delivering the Thriving Communities Strategy, including the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit.</p>
<p>5) That Cabinet ensures strong Member engagement in the development and review of measures relating to locality plans, by involving all ward councillors in recognising and identifying pockets of deprivation within each ward, with an aim to target resources effectively and ensure that no communities in need are overlooked.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>It is our plan to fully engage all ward members in the preparation of the locality plans.</p>