

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 14 January 2025 concerning Flood Management in the City. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

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Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1) That Cabinet ensures Members are informed whenever flood investigations occur within their areas; sharing findings promptly will enable Councillors to respond effectively to residents' concerns and advocate for necessary measures.	Partially	Agreed, subject to a slight amendment to ensure that members are notified when flood investigations are <i>published</i> . The work can take some time, so this is most relevant time to notify members.
2) That Cabinet develops clear contact information for Members and distributes guidance leaflets to residents at risk of flooding, explaining proper reporting of flood incidents and actionable advice on mitigating flood risks, and support available for vulnerable residents.	Partially	<p>Communication with Members will be reviewed, relating to their community engagement role during a flood event. Reporting of flooded properties and other emergency situations during a flood event should be through established mechanisms set out in the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit and on the Council website.</p> <p>Leaflets and information on flood mitigation are available through the website and Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit.</p> <p>For general flooding queries, members should submit using the 'members query' form. To escalate more urgent issues, members should do so via the Portfolio holder (Cllr. Railton), who can then escalate in regular fortnightly briefings.</p>

3) That Cabinet commits to long-term flood resilience and preparedness in the context of the need for climate adaptation measures, by reviewing and reassessing the adequacy of emergency planning funding reserves, recognising the growing frequency and severity of flooding in Oxford.	Yes	The reserve is reviewed quarterly and an application for additional funding, when needed, will be based upon the predicted severity and frequency of flooding and other emergency events in Oxford.
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