

## **Head of Finance – Section 151 Comments on Oxford Community Independents Alternative Budget 2025-26 to 2028/29**

**Date 11-02-2025**

I have reviewed the budget submitted by the Oxford Community Independents party as an alternative to the Labour Administrations budget and confirm that it is arithmetically correct.

The budget could be implemented if voted through.

The budget proposals within the amendment provide funding for specific projects / initiatives. The role of Council through budget setting is to allocate funding. The proposals within the proposed budget amendments will only secure the funding. All proposals will still require further decisions (whether by cabinet or officers where delegated) to bring them forward. Council cannot take decisions to implement the proposals as they are executive functions, it can only make the funding available.

### **The General Fund Revenue**

The budgeted amendments consisting of £270k of additional costs, funded by the removal of the Blackbird Leys park free leisure provision and the removal of outdoor gym equipment replacement is balanced over the 4 year period of the MTFP.

**HRA** – There are no proposed changes to the Administrations HRA Budget

**Capital Budget** – There are no proposed changes to the Administrations Capital Budget

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