

Appendix 1: Scrutiny Recommendations and Cabinet Responses

Table 1 – Cabinet response to the list of Scrutiny recommendations in October 2025

The table below sets out the response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made or endorsed by the Scrutiny Committee during its meeting on 14 October 2025.

Anti-Social Behaviour

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) For Officers to explore the feasibility of gathering and analysis of data on protected characteristics of both: individuals complained about through the ASB service, and individuals making complaints through the ASB service. Recognising that some data may be limited in validity, that findings from the collected and analysed data be reported back to the Scrutiny Committee at an appropriate time within the next two years.	Yes	We accept this recommendation.
2) That officers set out within the Policy the work the Council is currently undertaking and plans to undertake in relation to proactive prevention of ASB, including actions such as working with youth groups, redesigning areas, and improving coordination between council services.	Yes	The policy will include a broad policy statement on prevention activities, working in partnership to achieve these goals. It won't give details of specific interventions that could change during the life of policy.
3) That there is a clear commitment within the ASB Policy to work collaboratively with Registered Providers in addressing anti-social behaviour, including requesting information from local RPs on levels and types of ASB reports received within their housing stock. This information can then be used to identify patterns, overlaps and gaps between council and RP data, and	Yes	We accept this recommendation.

reporting back on the efficacy of this partnership working and health of relationships with RPs as part of the Council' wider multi-agency approach to ASB management.		
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Annual Safeguarding Report

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) That future Safeguarding reports provide comparisons with previous years data to allow monitoring of trends and assessment progress, particularly data in relation to modern slavery and exploitation, and severe weather emergency protocol (SWEP). Where the data allows for trend analysis, that previous statistics be included to enable a year-on-year comparison and evaluation of changes overtime.	Yes	Previous years' data to be included in future safeguarding reports to allow for year-on-year trend analysis.

Table 2 – Cabinet response to the list of Scrutiny recommendations in November 2025

The table below sets out the response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made or endorsed by the Scrutiny Committee during its Special meeting on 5 November 2025 and ordinary meeting on 11 November 2025.

Local Government Reorganisation

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) The Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Three Unitary Authorities proposal be formally submitted as Oxford City Council's preferred model for local government reorganisation to Government.	Yes	This is line with officers' recommendation, that Cabinet submits the 3UA LGR proposal to Government.

Hackney Carriage Emissions Standards

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Agree?</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1) To have consistency with emissions standards policies for both Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriage Vehicles.	No	Given the wider context of the recommendation for Hackneys, the same uncertainty lies with LGR for decisions around harmonising PHV standards with those of Hackneys. It would therefore not be a good use of a (large amount) of officer time to undertake this work at this time.
2) In the event that Cabinet approves the delay to the implementation of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Emission Standards Amendment to align with Local Government Reorganisation, they will review this once the timescale been defined.	Yes	If no clear timetable for Local Government Reorganisation decision for Oxfordshire is made by Government by the end of 2026, the General Purposes Licensing Committee could review the policy ahead of the decision being taken by the appropriate decision making body at that time, either Cabinet or Council.

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