

**To:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 19 November 2025  
**Report of:** Scrutiny Committee  
**Title of Report:** Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee

Summary and recommendations	
<b>Decision being taken:</b>	To submit the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee for Cabinet's consideration.
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Councillor Alex Powell, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	A Well-Run Council
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	None

<b>Recommendation(s): That Cabinet:</b>
1. <b>Considers and responds</b> to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee as set out in the report.

Information Exempt From Publication	
N/A	N/A

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
N/A	N/A	N/A

## Overview and Summary

- The Scrutiny Committee met on 11 November 2025 and reviewed the following items:
  - Hackney Carriage Vehicle Emission Standards Amendment
- Working Group meetings were also held to consider a range of reports:

### Finance and Performance Working Group on 29 October 2025

- Payments System Update

3. Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 grants the Scrutiny Committee to make reports or recommendations to the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Executive; and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.
4. Following the meetings, Cabinet Members, in consultation with the relevant Officers were asked to agree, agree in-part, or disagree with the recommendations.
5. The tables below detail the recommendations made by the Committee for each report, which Cabinet will consider at their meeting on 19 November 2025. Cabinet has provided a commentary on each recommendation to inform the Committee of the rationale behind its decision. No table was produced for items where no recommendations were suggested.
6. The recommendation from the meeting of the Finance and Performance Working Group was considered at the Shareholder and Joint Venture Group on 6 November 2025.
7. Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 November 2025 can be viewed [here](#).
8. The Committee would like to put on record:
  - The impact of Local Government Reorganisation is not used to stop the Cabinet and Council to stop pursuing long-term plans or strategies.
9. The Scrutiny Committee would like to thank Councillor Anna Railton (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Zero Carbon Oxford for their contributions). The Committee was also grateful to Emma Jackman (Director of Law, Governance and Strategy (Monitoring Officer)), Richard Adams (Community Safety Services Manager), and Joshua Curnow (Supervising Senior Licensing Officer) for their participation in presenting reports and responding to questions.

### **Financial implications**

10. Financial implications for the reports listed above were outlined within the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Group.
11. Where appropriate, any further financial implications were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

### **Legal issues**

12. Legal implications for the reports listed above were outlined within the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Group.
13. Where appropriate, any further legal implications were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

### **Level of risk**

14. Risk Registers, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.
15. Where appropriate, the risk register was reviewed when considering the recommendations.

### **Equalities impact**

16. Equalities Impact Assessments, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.

17. Where appropriate, the Equalities Impact Assessments was reviewed when considering the recommendations.

### **Carbon and Environmental Considerations**

18. Consideration for Carbon and Environmental impacts, where appropriate, were linked to the reports presented at Scrutiny Committee or Working Groups.

19. Where appropriate, the Carbon and Environmental impacts were reviewed when considering the recommendations.

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**Table 1 – Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee –  
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Emission Standards Amendment**

The table below sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 11 November 2025 concerning the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Emission Standards Amendment. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

<b><i>Recommendation</i></b>	<b><i>Agree?</i></b>	<b><i>Comment</i></b>
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.