

To: Scrutiny Committee
Date: 3 February 2026
Report of: Director of Communities and Citizens' Services
Title of Report: AI Strategy Update

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	To update the Scrutiny Committee on the Council's AI Strategy.
Key decision:	No
Lead Member:	Cllr Nigel Chapman, Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies
Corporate Priority:	Thriving Communities
Policy Framework:	Citizen Experience Strategy 2025-2027

Recommendation(s): That the Scrutiny Committee resolves to:
1. Note the AI Strategy attached as Appendix 1; 2. Agree any recommendations.

Information Exempt From Publication	
No	N/A

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy	No

Introduction and overview

1. At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 July 2025, the Committee requested a review of the Council's AI Strategy.
2. This report outlines Oxford City Council's AI Strategy developed to provide a clear framework for the responsible and ethical use of AI across the Council's services and operations. It sets out a clear vision and objective for its use, alongside governance arrangements required to support safe and lawful implementation. The report also

identifies the critical factors required for delivery and summarises progress made to date, including activities completed during 2024-25 and the action plan for this year.

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