

**To:** Council

**Date:** 23 March 2026

**Report of:** Transition Director

**Title of Report:** 2024/2025 Partnership report on the Oxfordshire Children’s Trust Board, and the Council’s work for Children and Young People living in the city.

<b>Summary and recommendations</b>	
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To provide Members with an update on the Arrangements and Board for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Oxfordshire Children’s Trust</li> </ul> And; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council’s work for Children and Young People in the city</li> </ul>
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Chewe Munkonge, Cabinet Member for a Healthy, Fairer Oxford and Small Business Champion.
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Thriving Communities
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	The Council Strategy 2024 to 2028

<b>Recommendation(s):</b> That Council resolves to:
1 <b>Note</b> the report and the documents appended to it

<b>Information Exempt From Publication</b>	
N/A	N/A

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	2024/2025 update report on the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrangements and Board for the Oxfordshire Children’s Trust; and</li> </ol>	No

	2. The Council's work for Children and Young People in the city	
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### Purpose

1. The update paper attached to this report (Appendix One) and supporting appendices provide an annual update on the arrangements and activities of the Oxfordshire Children's Trust Board and outlines the Council's initiatives for children and young people in Oxford, for 2024 to 2025.

### The Oxfordshire Children's Trust Board (CTB)

2. The Oxfordshire Children's Trust Board (CTB) is a strategic partnership focused on improving health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people in Oxfordshire.

### Oxfordshire Local Area Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Strategy 2022-2027

3. The County Council and NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire Integrated Care Board ("BOB ICS") share joint responsibility for planning and commissioning services across education, health and social care for children and young people with SEND in Oxfordshire.
4. Oxfordshire developed a [Local Area SEND Strategy](#) ("the Strategy") for children and young people aged 0 – 25 years with SEND. The [Strategy](#) aligns with the County Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is informed by the County Council's [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#).

### Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – progress, 2024/2025

5. OFSTED together with the Care Quality Commission [undertook an inspection of the Oxfordshire SEND provision in July 2023](#), and found 'widespread systematic failings'. As part of the inspection process, in November 2023, the Department for Education published an [improvement notice](#), which was issued to the County Council.
6. An Oxfordshire SEND Strategic Improvement and Assurance Board (SIAB) was established, to drive the action required to deliver better services for SEND children, young people and their families in Oxfordshire.
7. In December 2023, Ofsted approved the partnership's [priority action plan](#). The plan set out what will be achieved across five priority action areas.

#### The Oxfordshire SEND transformation programme roadmap (May 2024)

8. The [SEND transformation roadmap](#) is a high-level overview of the key milestones and activities for the local area partnership's (LAP) SEND transformation programme.
9. The roadmap covers improvement activity from January 2024 to April 2025. This

follows OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) inspection of LAP services for children and young people with SEND in July 2023.

10. The activity on the roadmap is a summary and does not include everything. The roadmap reflects almost all the commitments made in the priority action plan that was published in December 2023, together with a number of other key deliverables.

### **The Council's work for Children and Young People in the city**

11. The update paper (Appendix One) describes various initiatives by the Council and its partners to support children and young people in the city. Key efforts include:
- i. Oxford Children's and Young people Partnership
  - ii. Youth Investment Funding
  - iii. School engagement
  - iv. Locality Working
  - v. Oxford's work in the Community Impact Zone
  - vi. YouMove – Helping Families Stay Active Together
  - vii. Go Active Families
  - viii. Leisure Offers
  - ix. Parks and accessible play
  - x. Museum of Oxford
  - xi. Dancin' Oxford
  - xii. Oxford Cultural Education Partnership
  - xiii. Oxford Community Impact Fund
  - xiv. The Council's safeguarding responsibilities
  - xv. Community centres
  - xvi. Growing partnership working
  - xvii. Youth Employment, Education and Training
  - xviii. Engaging migrant families
  - xix. Oxford Strategic Partnership.

### **Financial implications**

12. There are no financial implications for Oxford City Council arising from this report.

### **Legal issues**

13. There are no legal implications for the Council arising directly from this report.

### **Level of risk**

14. There are no risk implications for the Council arising from this report.

### **Equalities impact**

15. Under its public sector equality duty the council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- a. eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

- b. advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - c. foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
16. The Council discharges its public sector equality duty in relation to its safeguarding responsibilities through policies and key strategies related to Children and Young People - such as the Thriving Communities Strategy 2023 to 2027, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.
17. Furthermore, the work by both the Oxfordshire Children’s Trust and the Council is a positive contribution to the protected characteristic of children and young people.
18. The Council will continue to monitor equalities impact as programmes grow and develop.

**Carbon and Environmental Considerations**

19. There are no carbon and environmental implications for the Council arising from this report.

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**Background Papers:**

1. Oxfordshire Children’s Trust Arrangements and Board Terms of Reference (2024/2025).
2. Oxford Community Impact Funding 2024/2025.