

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday 17 June 2026



Committee members present:

Councillor Brown

Councillor Railton

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Rowley

Councillor Turner

Councillor Arshad

Councillor Lygo

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Caroline Green, Chief Executive

Tom Hook, Deputy Chief Executive - Citizen and City Services

Alistair Rush, Group Director Finance

Emma Jackman, Director of Law, Governance, and Strategy

Jonathan Malton, Committee and Member Services Manager

Dr Brenda McCollum, Committee and Member Services

Paula Redway, Culture and Community Development Manager

Annette Osborne, Strategic Procurement Manager

Apologies:

Councillor Chapman sent apologies.

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Cabinet resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on **15 April 2026** as a true and accurate record.

3. Addresses by members of the public

None received.

4. Councillor addresses on any item for decision on the Cabinet agenda

None.

5. Councillor addresses on Neighbourhood Issues

None received.

6. Items raised by Cabinet Members

None.

7. Reports from the Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Committee met on the 9th of June to consider the following report.

- Establishment of Scrutiny Standing Working Groups and Review Group

Jonathan Malton, Committee and Member Services Manager, presented the report. He outlined the creation of the Scrutiny Working Groups and Scrutiny's gratitude for Officers' work over the previous year.

8. Delegation to purchase fleet vehicles 2026/2027

The Interim Group Finance Director submitted a report to Cabinet to request that Cabinet delegate authority to the Interim Group Finance Director for the 2026/27 financial year to award any fleet contracts valued in excess of £750k following a compliant procurement process.

Annette Osborne, Strategic Procurement Manager, presented the report. She noted that this was a similar report to the one which Cabinet had approved in the previous year. She outlined the recommendations of the report and the procurements they believe will be undertaken in the coming year.

Councillor Linda Smith asked what opportunities there were in the procurement process to buy British vehicles to support British manufacturing and the British economy.

The Strategic Procurement Manager said that procurements for fleet were mainly call off contracts from a range of frameworks. She said that supplier selection was dependant on suppliers listed on a framework. She said that the Council had specific requirements for vehicles which limited where they could procure them from. She said that where possible they would try to build this in, but this would not always be possible.

Cabinet resolved to:

Delegate authority, to the Interim Group Finance Director for the duration of the 2026/27 financial year to award contracts with values over the Key Decision threshold for the purchase of fleet vehicles.

9. Grant Allocations to Community & Voluntary Organisations 2024/25

The Director of Communities and Citizens' Services submitted a report to highlight to Cabinet the positive impact of Oxford Community Impact Fund 2024-25.

Councillor Linda Smith presented the report. She said that the report outlined how they had used the Community Impact Fund in 2024/2025. She said that this represented a big investment into communities each year and that the report outlines how they were distributed in the year under consideration. Councillor Smith noted the grant contributions from the fund to groups which have particularly positive impacts for people across the city.

Councillor Smith described how they had simplified the grant application process in 24/25 and how they had focused the grant awards to address inequality in the city. However, she said that they had not let up on their approach to monitoring organisations to ensure that they use grants in an impactful way. She thanked the Officers for their work in this area and the positive impact possible through their community grant programs.

Councillor Brown said that it was great to see the positive difference being made by such a range of organisations across the city with this funding.

Councillor Arshad asked how many new groups applied for funding each year. Paula Redway, Culture and Community Development Manager, said that they had a campaign to encourage new groups to come forward. She said that in the previous round over 20% of applicants were newcomers to the program.

Councillor Brown thanked the team for their work to make the process simpler and their integration of support for applicants.

Cabinet resolved to:

1. **Note** the social value and economic impact of the fund – see appendices 1-4

10. Dates of future meetings

Cabinet noted the dates of future meetings.

The meeting started at 18:00 and ended at 18:12.

Chair

Date: Wednesday 8 July 2026

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Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired

*Planning Committees: after the call-in and review period has expired and the formal
decision notice is issued*

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