

Annex A Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations to Executive July 2025 – March 2026

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 July 2025

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
1. Reference improving public transport within the sustainable transport section of the Strategy, particularly with regard to an aging population,	N	This is a County Council duty therefore not appropriate within WODC Strategy however Executive member will raise with County Colleagues.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
2. Include reference within the Strategy to the emerging local plan and parking demand linked to new housing.	N	The Strategy does reference the new Local plan already and the Live working Document (Action Plan) will be updated as this is approved.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
3. Consider adding an additional recommendation to the report to continue to monitor car park conditions with an emphasis on safety.	N	This is not a strategic aim, this is a matter of course and Business as usual task.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
4. Include an objective on cycle infrastructure, separate from the objective on sustainable transport.	N	This is included in the action plan and all modes of active and sustainable transport will be considered cohesively	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
5. Explore opportunities to improve environmental standards in car parks by using more environmentally friendly materials (e.g. permeable surfaces).	N	This is already contained within the Asset Management Strategy	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
6. Consider relocating the disabled bay in the corner of Burford car park in order to improve access in and out of vehicles for wheelchair users. Also consider whether there is a need for an additional disabled bay in this car park.	Y	This does not need to be included in the strategy although section 5.8 does already have a recommendation to continue to review specialist bays as business as usual.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
7. Evaluate the need for parent and child bays within the Council's car parks and consider whether this need is being met.	Y	This does not need to be included in the strategy although section 5.8 does already have a recommendation to continue to review specialist bays as business as usual.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment
8. Rephrase recommendation 6 to clarify that the £20k sum is to be used to explore whether there are any options	Y	We will change the wording on recommendation F, from resolve to investigate	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment

available to the Council to improvement drainage and mitigate flooding.			
9. Pause the proposals for Woodstock car park in order to evaluate whether there is existing council-owned land that could be used to better improve the local parking situation in Woodstock.	N	Information provided to the Portfolio holder on alternative land but this does not remove the issues, so the Parking Strategy recommendations remain unchanged.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment

2 July 2025- 11. Climate Change Strategy

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
1. Engage with large businesses in the district to encourage them reduce their carbon emissions.	Y	The Council will continue to facilitate the Zero Carbon Oxfordshire Partnership (ZCOP) and encourage large businesses in the district to join the partnership to maximise carbon reduction and climate resilience. Added reference to ZCOP in the Strategy.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery.
2. Consider how progress against the Strategy will be reported, including Key Performance Indicators.	Y	Progress against the Strategy, including the KPIs, will be reported annually, in accordance with the Council's reporting procedures. Interim targets will be established as part of the project monitoring.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery
3. Consider emphasising in the Strategy the importance of water and its conservation in the context of climate adaptation.	Y	Reference to water efficiency have been added.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery
4. Make reference to hydrogen power within the strategy and explore the emerging opportunities that this may present.	Y	Reference to multiple energy vectors added under Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP).	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recover
5. Amend the foreword of the Strategy to clarify that the 2050 net zero target is for the district, and not for the Council's direct emissions.	Y	Foreword has been amended and reordered to clarify upfront that the Strategy relates to districtwide emissions.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery
6. Ensure the Strategy clearly distinguishes between areas where the Council has direct influence, and where its role is to	Y	Actions in the Strategy will be colour-coded to clarify which actions the Council has a direct influence over and which actions	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery

support, encourage and enable action by others.		involve the Council supporting and enabling others.	
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3 September 2025 on the Youth Development Officer Update

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member (name, title)
1. That the Youth Development Officer engages with private schools within the district area, as they have done with state schools.	Y	The Youth Development Officer will engage with private schools in the area to better understand what opportunities might exist and how they are engaging already with their wider community.	Councillor Rachel Crouch, Executive Member for Stronger, Healthy Communities
2. That the Youth Development Officer engages with sports clubs wishing to broaden their youth activities, seeking ways to reach young people who have historically faced barriers to engagement.	Y	The Youth Development Officer will engage with sports clubs and offer assistance to those clubs wishing to broaden their offer to reach your people facing barriers to engagement.	Councillor Rachel Crouch, Executive Member for Stronger, Healthy Communities
3. That consideration is given to what more the Council could do to encourage volunteering, for example through local employers (including the Council itself).	Y	The Council could encourage other businesses to be pro-active in encouraging staff to have time to volunteer – as is Council policy. The council could consider a comms campaign to promote the value of volunteering both externally and internally to encourage staff to make better use of their volunteering time. The Council could invite Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action to come and talk to Councillors/senior staff about what the state of volunteering in Oxfordshire and provide advice about what steps could help.	Councillor Rachel Crouch, Executive Member for Stronger, Healthy Communities
4. That the Council seeks to secure the continuation of local youth development activities into the future beyond local government reorganisation.	Y	The Council will consider a legacy position for funding programmes to cover a period of 3 years from 2026/27 onwards. Further details will be brought forward.	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September 2025 on Oxfordshire Local Area Energy Planning (item 10 on the 10 September 2025 Executive agenda)

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
1. That the Council continues to work with partners, and considers work done by the Co-Operative Party, to explore and develop innovative models that will maximise the community benefits from renewable energy assets.	Y	The LAEP project team will continue to liaise with partners, like the Low Carbon Hub, to explore energy models and how community benefits can be maximised from renewable energy assets.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery
2. That the Council seeks to lobby the government for legislative changes to enable local communities to benefit from renewable energy schemes.	Y	The LAEP team will continue to lobby the government on legislation to require community stewardship and benefits from renewable energy schemes.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery
3. That the Council's emerging local plan policies are aligned with the aims of the LAEP, for example by: • Ensuring that there are site allocations of sufficient size to incorporate on-site renewable energy schemes, where appropriate. • Encouraging community ownership and/or management of shared land in new developments to unlock the potential for local residents to benefit from renewable energy schemes in future.	Y	The Local Plan will seek to support the objectives of the LAEP as it is considered to be a key influencer for the Local Plan, particularly in terms of energy infrastructure planning. LAEP data will continue to shape the plan-making process. Local Plan policies will be designed to ensure that renewable energy is an integral part of new development, along with net zero build standards, and that this supports improvements in building fabric, low carbon heating and renewable energy for existing development, The Local Plan will continue to support community led projects for renewable energy development whether standalone schemes or within new developments.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery; Councillor Hugo Prosser, Executive Member for Planning

Executive response to recommendations on Local Plan Spatial Options from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 October 2025

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
General Recommendations and Comments on Approach			
1. That the Council undertakes a Community Governance Review to consider the implications of planned (and recent) development for town and parish boundaries, in particular around Witney and Carterton.	N	It is recognised that this is an important issue, particularly in terms of how money for infrastructure is collected and spent and distributed to communities. Council on 21 May 2025 considered the issue of community governance reviews and agreed that the Council will not develop a policy for community governance reviews at the current time in view of local government reorganisation	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council
2. That when communicating with Town and Parish Councils, the Council makes it clear that the 7 week time period for response can be flexible, so long as they inform the Council in advance that they will be unable to meet this deadline.	Y	It is standard practice for the Planning Policy Team to allow some additional time for responses to be made from Town and Parish Councils provided notification is given that a late response will be forthcoming and a clear indication provided as to when this will be received by.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
3. Strengthen the mention of phasing, particularly around aligning infrastructure delivery with development.	Y	This is a key issue and it is agreed that the narrative at Section 6 of the Preferred Spatial Options consultation document can be usefully strengthened in relation to infrastructure delivery and phasing of development.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
4. Amend the design of the site allocation outlines to make it clear that they are not definitive site boundaries e.g. showing a heat map of where development is expected to be concentrated within the boundaries.	N	The spatial options are purposefully shown as broad indicative locations rather than specific site boundaries. It is suggested that rather than amending the mapping of these options, the text of the document be amended to make it clear that they are broad locations only.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
5. Improve the usability of the web-based consultation platform to encourage more engagement. Consider a pdf annotation function or similar to allow page-by-page comments to be made.	Y	Officers are currently testing the consultation platform to ensure that any concerns regarding usability identified at the last stage of consultation are addressed, and so that we can facilitate accessible and effective online engagement with stakeholders.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning

6. Consider targeting specific demographics (e.g. young people) when undertaking the reg. 19 consultation.	Y	Officers agree with the importance of targeting hard to reach groups including younger people and are in discussion with the Council's Youth Development Officer to consider how we can better engage young people in the Plan making process. Officers will seek to improve youth engagement by undertaking targeted engagement with identified groups at the most appropriate time.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
Specific Proposed Amendments to Annex B - Local Plan Preferred Spatial Options Consultation Paper			
7. Amend the introduction to clarify what the Council's remit is, and what is beyond its scope, emphasising the Council's obligation to abide by national policy within the National Planning Policy Framework.	Y	It is agreed that the introductory text could usefully be amended to clarify the scope and remit of the Local Plan and how it is being prepared in the context of national policy.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
8. Strengthen the wording of some of the questions to ensure responses are rich and not single word answers. In particular, amend questions where possible to avoid "yes" or "no" answers, and use open questions e.g. "how", "what", "consider" "do you believe x to be suitable", etc.	Y	It is agreed that revisions should be made to the proposed consultation questions to ensure that they are more open / less binary and it is clearer in terms of the issues the Council would welcome views on. It is acknowledged that this will help to elicit more detailed responses from stakeholders, to provide us with more useful constructive representations to the Local Plan consultation.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
9. Consider including wording to explain that the final selection of sites would take into account comments, but that the Council is still required to allocate a certain number of houses.	Y	It is agreed that this is an important point to cover and as such, it is proposed that the text on 'Next Steps' at Section 9 be amended to explain how consultation responses will be considered and how they will feed into the site selection process and further evidence gathering and analysis for the Local Plan.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
10. Question 2 – add a table to explain how tiers and allocations correspond with one another.	Y	It is agreed that this would provide useful additional clarification. As such, it is proposed that a new explanatory table be incorporated into the consultation document most likely within Section 5 on the revised Spatial Strategy.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
11. Question 15 – Carterton Country Park should be Kilkenny Lane Country Park	Y	It is agreed that the text should be amended to ensure it is factually accurate in referring to Kilkenny Country Park.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning

12. Transfer some of the wording from question 40 into the pre-amble for question 27, taking into consideration sensitivity about car parking.	Y	It is acknowledged that the sensitivities around reducing car parking in Witney should be recognised when discussing the proposed refresh and update of the existing Woodford Way site allocation. It is proposed that the text in this section of the document be updated accordingly.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
13. Question 40 – make it clear that the police station is not being lost, but that consolidation of two buildings is taking place instead.	Y	It is acknowledged that this issue could be usefully clarified. As such, it is proposed that the text of the document in relation to Area W – Welch Way, be amended to clarify that the proposals here relate to mixed use regeneration with community uses to be retained as part of the overall mix of uses.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
14. Insert omitted parts of the spatial strategy that relate to growth along key strategic corridors, sustainable travel and infrastructure alignment and protecting environmental and landscape assets.	Y	It is acknowledged that the consultation document should include all aspects of the previous Spatial Strategy (Core Policy 3) consulted on in June with clarity provided over which aspects of the strategy are now proposed to be updated and views sought accordingly.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
Annex D – Local Development Scheme			
15. Encourage Town and Parish Councils who have plans to put forward a neighbourhood plan to engage with the Council and not wait for the reg. 19 consultation.	Y	Whilst not requiring a change to the spatial options consultation paper itself, as a matter of course, the Council's Planning Policy Team provide advice to those wishing to develop neighbourhood plans, including in relation to timing and the inter-relationship with the emerging West Oxfordshire Local Plan.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning
16. Include reference to the issue of Local Government Reorganisation in the LDS given it covers the 3-year period October 2025 – October 2028.	Y	It is agreed that this would be a useful insertion given the intended timescale covered by the LDS.	Councillor Hugo Ashton, Executive Member for Planning

Additional Proposed Amendments

Document Section	Suggested Amendment	Reason
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Area E – North of Carterton Paragraph 7.116 Area F – Land North-East of Carterton	Amend text at paragraph 7.116 as follows: 7.116 There is an opportunity for reconfiguration of land uses, particularly around Carterton Football Club to deliver a comprehensive development opportunity in the area within a strengthened landscape framework, with improved highway access and with improved walking and cycling routes to neighbouring areas. <u>Subject to viability and the provision of other essential mitigation, development in this location also offers the potential to facilitate an expansion/redevelopment of the existing Carterton Football Club which has well-developed ambitions to create a new sports hub in this location.</u> Key sensitivities relate to ecology, landscape, minerals resources and proximity to Shilton Conservation Area in the western part of the area. Insert new paragraph in relation to Area F – Land North-East of Carterton as follows: <u>As with Area E, subject to viability and the provision of other essential mitigation, strategic-scale development in this location offers the potential to support the provision of improved sports and leisure facilities for Carterton and the surrounding area.</u>	To better highlight and explain the potential for the redevelopment of Carterton Football Club and delivery of Sports Hub in association with proposed strategic growth on the northern fringe of the town.
Foreword	Insert new second paragraph into foreword as follows: <u>Although the structure of local government in Oxfordshire is set to change, it's important to emphasise that the Local Plan we are developing now will not be lost or set aside. Once adopted, it will carry forward into the new arrangements and continue to guide future planning decisions. This means that the views you share now will have a lasting impact, helping to shape how the new authority manages growth and protects our communities.</u>	To highlight the importance of producing a new up to date Local plan, even in the context of and uncertainty surrounding Local Government Reorganisation.
Key Diagram	Amend Key Diagram to ensure that all planned development locations are accurately depicted.	For increased clarity and accuracy.
Section 6 – Meeting Identified Development Needs	Insert new additional heading and paragraph at the end of Section 6 as follows: <u>Carterton Area Strategy</u> <u>The preparation of this Local Plan is closely aligned with West Oxfordshire District Council's wider work on the Carterton Area</u>	

	<u>Strategy. Carterton is one of the district's most significant towns and will play a central role in meeting future housing, employment and infrastructure needs. The Carterton Area Strategy will sit alongside the Local Plan, providing a focused framework for unlocking the town's potential and guiding investment in the surrounding villages. Together, these plans will ensure that growth in and around Carterton is coordinated, sustainable and shaped by local priorities - from revitalising the town centre to improving transport links, green spaces and community facilities. By engaging in this Local Plan consultation, you are also helping to shape the future direction of the Carterton Area Strategy, ensuring that the voices of residents, businesses and local organisations are reflected in both documents and carried forward into the district's long-term vision for the comprehensive development and regeneration of the Carterton area. This will be particularly important in helping to determine the content of the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan in spring next year.</u>	
Section 7 – Strategic Spatial Options	Insert new paragraph after existing paragraph 7.2 and before existing paragraph 7.3 as follows: <u>In the remainder of this document, reference is made to the concept of a 'standalone community'. This term is used to describe self-contained new communities that are designed to have a sufficient critical mass to support a range of services and facilities to meet day-to-day needs, while also being well connected to the nearest larger settlement for access to higher-order services and facilities. The intention is to create balanced, sustainable places that combine local self-sufficiency with strong physical and functional links to the wider district.</u>	To provide greater clarity as to what is meant by the term 'standalone community' in the context of a number of the strategic site options identified.

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 November 2025 on Local Government Reorganisation

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
10. Strengthen the focus on addressing the specific challenges faced in rural areas (e.g. mental health, agriculture) within the Two Unitary Authority proposal.	Y	I would like to thank Overview and Scrutiny for their thoughtful, thorough and constructive contribution. They have raised really positive points on how we can further strengthen the two	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council

11. Strengthen the mentions of the equality aspects (e.g. Housing, Social Care, SEND) within the Two Unitary Authority proposal.	Y	unitary proposal before we submit it to government. Officers have taken notes on the comments raised and I have asked the document is updated to reflect their feedback before it is submitted.	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council
12. Continue to engage with Town and Parish Councils to clarify the role they will have in the context of LGR and reflect this within the model and strengthen the mention of this within the Two Unitary Authority proposals.	Y	Town and Parish Councils are the bedrock of our communities. A fundamental aspect of the two unitary proposal is creating councils that are locally responsive and will work closely with our local councils in future to meet the needs of our communities. We will engage with our town and parish councils over the coming years to support them during the transition period to whatever new structure the government decides.	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council

Proposed recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 December 2025 on the Waste and Environmental Services Programme

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member (name, title)	Lead Officer (name, title)
That the Executive note the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Waste and Environmental Services Programme, as detailed below.	1. Y 2. Y 3. N 4. Y	1. No comment required 2. An exercise is underway to identify the delivery options, the experience of WODC with Teckal companies (Ubico & Publica) is a key part of this. 3. The business model is not predicated on whether LGPS is paid or not. This gives WODC the ability to influence the decision later in the Programme. 4. The document is available as an exempt document.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Si Pocock-Cluley, Environment and Waste Transformation Lead

Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

The Overview and Scrutiny Waste Transformation Task and Finish Group met on 9 December 2025 to carry out pre-decision Scrutiny of the Waste and Environmental Services Programme (WESP) report. They discussed the report and recommended that the following comments be submitted to the Executive.

1. The task and finish group welcomed the programme and commended the innovation that was being presented. They also stated that the Council being involved with the programme from the start would be an advantage.
2. The task and finish group stated that through the set-up of the programme, the Council should highlight its experience with Publica and Ubico – other Teckal companies. This mean that the Council brings expertise in operating these sorts of companies, which would be a benefit to other partner councils and the programme overall.
3. While it was appreciated that existing staff would be transferred across through TUPE and therefore have the terms of their pensions protected, the task and finish group raised concerns about the business model around not providing the Local Government Pension Scheme.
4. That the full, exempt business model should be made available as an exempt supplement to the Executive pack.

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – February 2026

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2026 considered reports it had requested from officers titled “West Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Plan” and “Supporting Mental Health Initiatives”. The Committee agreed to submit the following recommendations to the Executive.

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
I. That the Council sets out a clear policy and timeline for ceasing the use of glysohate.	Y	The target in the Council’s Nature Recovery Plan is to phase out use of glyphosate completely. It has been reduced, as agreed at Executive on 23 rd April 2025 West Oxfordshire District Council - Agenda for Executive on Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025, 2.00 pm Following this, it was agreed with both Environmental Services and Waste Transformation Lead and Ubico to stop using glyphosate at the WODC offices in Woodgreen. Alternative methods are being trialled at Woodgreen with a view to using this elsewhere (only 1 growing season so far and it was a drought year). There needs to be an agreement on a	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery

		timeline to phase out glyphosate use entirely.	
2. That the Council's nature recovery reporting is focused on a more limited number of work streams, with clear Key Performance Indicators.	Y	It would be relatively simple to add an Annex to the committee report next year to provide a summary of action towards the KPIs in the Nature Recovery Plan. This would be based on an existing project tracker that the team use to monitor progress (highlighting progress using red-amber-green colour coding). The report itself could then be simplified to focus on key areas of work and/or success stories. <i>Headlines from the Local Plan Biodiversity Annual Monitoring Report (produced by the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre, TVERC) could be added to the report next year to provide additional context relating to regional trends.</i>	
3. That the Council allocates resources to replicate the Community Health Insight Profile (CHIP) undertaken in Central Witney in other parts of the district.	Y	Funding of £60k is provided by OCC Public Health to undertake CHIP work. The format has 3 parts – 1. Commission new research 2. Appoint a Community Health Dev Officer and 3. Distribute grant funding of around £25k. Other councils have done them independently (South Ox for Didcot). Areas are selected based on areas of greatest need based on the National Indices of Multiple Deprivation data. Whilst there would be value in this an alternative could be to link additional resources, should they be available, to the current Marmot Place health research taking place to enable interventions to be delivered based on the data emerging from those 4 rural locations – Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Long Hanborough and Freeland. Officers could also offer to provide more of a	Councillor Rachel Crouch, Executive Member for Stronger Healthier Communities

		deep dive into the workings of the CHIP. A further report will be brought forward for consideration once the outcomes of the Marmot Place Health Research are known.	
4. That the Council increases the funding for the mental health projects from £10k to £20k.		Across the service funding is being directed at interventions which are known to positively support mental wellbeing – and this is linked to the data. The additional £10k provided to accompany the MH Champion role has not yet been allocated although Cllr Crouch has some options and ideas around funding hire of spaces and transport. No-one would argue that funds for MH is a positive step but more clarity of purpose might be helpful. One option to consider could be the question of space which seems to be an acute issue especially in Witney – Keystone Hubs / CAMHS both urgently looking for space. A further £10k will be allocated from the new initiatives funding once need has been identified.	Councillor Rachel Crouch, Executive Member for Stronger Healthier Communities
5. That the Council reviews the reception arrangements at Woodgreen.		Following the refurbishment of areas of the Woodgreen Offices as part of the overall Agile project, the reception area was moved and was re-established as a customer point rather than being the Council's primary reception area which is now in the Welch Way Office in the Town Centre, due to it being a more convenient location for the majority of residents due to access to public transport and car parking. Officers are looking at how this function is resourced more effectively, the ICT arrangements and seating arrangements for visitors,	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader

		many of which have appointments with the registrars.	
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Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 March 2026 on Woodford Way

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member (name, title)
1. That officers bring up to date parking data forward to the Committee, including ANPR data over a representative two-week period, with the next report.	N	Officers have detailed data for the Marriotts Walk multi-storey car park and can include this in the next report. There is no ANPR data for the other Car parks in Witney, however Officers are currently looking at the feasibility and costs associated with introducing the relevant equipment to do this.	Councillor Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Care
2. That the Council undertakes a two-week trial partial closure of the number of spaces proposed to be lost at Woodford Way under the proposals to better understand the impact on parking across Witney.	N	As this would only provide data for an isolated period, so not being representative of usage throughout the year, the disruption to residents would outweigh the benefit of undertaking this trial.	
3. That officers work up an “option 4” design which preserves more car parking at the south of the site.	N	Work continues on the design for the site to create an optimum scheme that ensures the best use of the space available.	
4. That a separate full report on displaced parking and the impact on wider area be brought to the Committee.	N	There will not be a separate report but the next update report to the Committee will include the displacement of cars and the impact of this.	
5. That additional parent and toddler parking spaces be incorporated into plans for the site.	Y	The inclusion of Parent and toddler parking spaces can be explored in the final design. It is important to note that at this point in time there aren’t any parent and toddler parking spaces in the Woodford Way Car Park.	
6. That the Council updates the timings for parking in the Marriotts Walk multistorey car park to an all-day provision prior to commencement of the development.	Y	The Council is actively working on increasing the time periods for parking bays on the upper decks of the Marriotts Walk multistorey car park to provide an all-day provision prior to commencement of the development.	

7. That officers bring a further update report to the Committee prior to the planning application for the site.	Y	A report will be brought to Committee prior to a formal planning application being submitted for the site.	
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Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 March 2026 on the Community Safety Partnership

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member (name, title)
1. That officers assess which priority projects would be affected by the budget reduction from the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Executive consider whether any of these priority projects can be funded by the Council's own discretionary resources.	Y in part	OCC met with all CSP's and funded services on 15 th April to discuss the end of year outturn and agree an approach to applying the 40% reduction in OPCC funds in Year 3 of the grant agreement. Work has been done to negotiate reductions for projects where possible on a case by case basis – thus avoiding a blanket reduction in all areas. However some activity is recommended not to receive any funding in 2027/28. These elements are: Nightsafe Manager role (countywide) hosted by TVP (circa £56k); Violence Against Women and Girls role (countywide) hosted by TVP (formerly Public health) (circa £56k); and the Chelsea's Choice theatre performances in schools about child sexual exploitation (circa £20k).	Councillor Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Care
2. That officers' assessment of the impacts of the cuts to funding on priority projects details the impact in terms of the loss of officer roles rather than just cash values.	Y	It has been a tough balance to strike. The NightSafe managers main focus is on Oxford City where most activity and issues remain. Residents from across the county congregate	

		on the city – so it cannot be said that the role only works with City residents but this may be a perception. The VAWG role is starting to explore activities to support residents directly in West Oxfordshire and we certainly hope to see this develop over the coming year. It's early days to be able to say how significant the impact of the loss of this role would be to WODC residents. Chelsea's Choice workshops are being offered to schools in West Oxfordshire currently with some take up and we hope that over the course of this year we can see schools make good use of the free opportunities.	
3. That the Council writes to Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner to request that they reinstate funding being cut from the CSP.	Y	The funding comes to the top tier authority. A CSP is required to sponsor each proposal for funding. CSP managers review all proposals before submitting them to the OPCC for approval. West Oxfordshire CSP is currently benefitting from a number of countywide roles and services rather than receiving funds directly for WODC only projects. The Council will draft a letter to the PCC requesting they reinstate the funding levels.	