



**WEST OXFORDSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### Proposed Cabinet response to Scrutiny recommendation

Recommendation arising from the Climate and Environment Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting on 29 September 2022

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agree (Y / N)</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>
<p>That the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary Of State for the Environment calling on him to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure the Environment Agency is fully funded to carry out flood protection and 'river cleanliness' works,</li><li>• Ensure legislation is tight enough to bring forward successful prosecutions of breaches to river pollution,</li><li>• Alter Planning Legislation to make the Water Authorities statutory consultees in planning applications.</li></ul>	Yes	<p>We agree with the Committee that it is important to lobby the Government in a bid to ensure agencies such as the EA, who are key in helping to protect local residents, are fully funded / resourced and there is legislation in place to enable them to successfully enforce against ongoing pollution of our main rivers and water courses.</p>	<p>Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Phil Martin, Group Manager – Business Services</p>