

<b>Title</b>	County Councillor's Report
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### **Committee Changes at Oxfordshire County Council**

To increase transparency at OCC the way non cabinet members scrutinise the cabinet has been changed and was agreed at the full council meeting on 13 July 2021.

The new committees will be as follows:

- Place (highways, transport planning, waste disposal, fire and rescue, trading standards)
- People (education, social care for adults and children)
- Performance and Corporate Services.

The new system will replace the present two main scrutiny committees – the Education Committee and the Performance Scrutiny Committee.

Kate will sit on the People scrutiny committee.

### **Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy**

You can have your say on major future infrastructure plans for Oxfordshire.

The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) provides a framework for Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire's five planning authorities and key partners to establish strategic infrastructure investment priorities as well as potential opportunities for funding and delivery.

The stage 1 report looking at infrastructure priorities to 2040 is now being consulted upon, with Stage 2 of OxIS planned to be carried out later this year to align with the next stage of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

In order to rank the different projects, the OxIS scores each against five themes – environment, health, place-shaping, productivity and connectivity – resulting in a seven-point scale to determine its relative ability to fulfil Oxfordshire's future needs to 2040.

The six-week consultation is asking the public to give their views on which of the five themes they feel are most important, whether any strategic infrastructure schemes have been missed and thoughts on the methodology used in the strategy.

You can take part in the consultation by visiting <https://www.oxfordshireopenthought.org/>

### **Councillor Priority Fund now open (Both)**

Applications to the Councillor Priority Fund are still open. This is a fund of £15,000 to be used over two years on projects in Thame, Chinnor and surrounding villages

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/thriving-communities/councillor-priority-fund>

### **Red Kite Family Centre Peppercorn Rate (Kate)**

Kate has asked the question from officers that the decision to not offer a peppercorn rate was made by the previous administration. This will be explored by the new administration in further detail

### **20MPH**

OCC are devising a strategy for the whole of Oxfordshire and how it will be implemented.

### **Thame to Haddenham Cycleway (Kate)**

We were expecting a report on this in our recent localities meeting and it wasn't spoken about in any detail. We have requested this for the next localities meeting.

### **Moreton Lane track (Kate)**

Drivers are driving too fast over the Phoenix Trail on Moreton Lane. Road markings have now been implemented

### **Repairs at Seven Acres (Nigel)**

These repairs are now complete

### **Junction of High Street and Priest End**

The signage at the junction will be changed

### **Flooding at Windmill Road (Kate)**

Ongoing flooding at Windmill Road which the highways officer will check when she's next in the area. This issue seems to be a concern across the county and the new administration will look into more regular draining.