

Recommendations and updates from other committees to Cabinet 18 October 2024



This provides a summary of recommendations from other committees, for the reports presented to Cabinet on 18 October 2024.

Full discussion found in the respective committee minutes. Where possible, officer comment has been added.

Joint Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 30 September 2024 to discuss **The Future Delivery of Household Waste and Street Cleansing Services report**.

The Joint Scrutiny Committee reviewed the options available for the future household waste and street cleansing service provision from June 2026. Committee recommended the following to Cabinet after the majority voted in favour:

(b) Subject to this review, agrees to progress Option 1 and delegate to the Head of Housing and Environment, in consultation with the responsible cabinet members, to undertake a joint procurement exercise between South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council to let a new joint contract for Household Waste Collection and Street Cleansing Services from 29 June 2026.

Committee added that Cabinet should be mindful of the positives in other options, and if resulting procurement outcomes are not suitable, they suggested having contingency in other options and engagement in further exploration of other options in terms of costs and risks. Committee asked for a procurement update to come back to the committee in October 2025, with Co-chair's agreement.

Since the meeting, the Head of Housing and Environment provided an update in response to committee's comments:

"Officers thank the Joint Scrutiny Committee for their time and interest in this report, and for providing the feedback to Cabinet. Officers also recognise that the Committee voted in favour of the recommendation that is presented to Cabinet for decision.

Officers were mindful of the need to ensure that there are contingency plans in the event of a failed procurement, and this has been updated within the report. Whilst the recommendation remains that the councils should follow option 1, and officers would devote attention and resources to that option if agreed by Cabinet, officers will maintain contingency plans to ensure that the council can continue to meet its statutory obligations. The timetable has also been updated to show that Officers expect that the decision to award the contract is likely to come back to Cabinet in Q3 of 2025/26."

Vale Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 2 October 2024 to discuss

1. **Corporate Plan performance report 2023-24:** Committee considered and noted the annual report and provided suggestions as detailed in the minutes.
2. **Budget Scene Setting:** Committee resolved to note the contents of the report.

Joint Audit and Governance Committee

The committee met on 15 October 2024 and considered the **Treasury Outturn 2023/24** report.

Both South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council resolved to note the treasury management outturn report 2023/24 and were satisfied that the treasury activities had been carried out in accordance with the treasury management strategy and policy.

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