

**URGENT BUSINESS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****Council****21 May 2025**

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Chairman's Attendance Report: December 2024 – May 2025

21 December 2024

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the Christ Church Cathedral Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas and did a reading.

28 December 2024

The Chairman, Cllr Chukwudi Okeke, attended The Ghanaian Association in Banbury's End-of-Year Party and Fundraising event at The Cornhill Centre in Banbury.

10 January 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke, and Vice Chair, Cllr Dorothy Walker, attended the Oxfordshire County Council Chair's Gala Charity Dinner. The event was held at The Mercure Oxford Hawkwell House Hotel. The dinner raised money for Parkinson's UK (Oxfordshire Branches), My Vision Oxfordshire, and Earths Trust. Rory Cellan-Jones appeared as a special guest speaker at the event.

Monday 27 January 2025

The Vice Chair Cllr Dorothy Walker attended the Lord Mayor of Oxford's Holocaust memorial day at Oxford Town Hall. The memorial day marked the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

31 January 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended West Oxfordshire District Council's Chair's Charity Evening Reception at Woodstock Town Hall. The event was raising money for Woodstock Exhibition Foundation, The Friends of Oxfordshire Museum and Save the Children UK.

4 February 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the Networking event at Larkrise care center. The event provided an opportunity to learn about comprehensive care services, including Nursing, Residential, and Respite care, all provided under one roof. Meet with experienced and dedicated team who deliver outstanding care. Gain insights into the critical role of Admiral Nurses and our Trust's updated Dementia Framework, presented by Angie Williams, Senior Admiral Nurse.

4 February 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the High Sheriff, James Macnamara's, Law Lecture – Human Experience, the rule of law and legal systems. The lecture was delivered by Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. The law lecture was followed by drinks and Canapes reception.

10 February 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended Pub Stuff Schools Competition at The Whately Hall Hotel. Children from school's across Banbury entered a fabric design competition, the event saw the shortlisted entries winner's announced.

25 February 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended His Majesty Lord Lieutenant and Cllr Liz Leffman's Launch of Oxfordshire's affiliation with HMS Diamond & the re-signing of the Armed Forces Covenant at the Orangery at Blenheim Palace.

7 March 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke, Vice Chair, Cllr Dorothy Walker and Deputy Leader, Cllr Lesley Mclean attended The Chair of West Oxfordshire Quiz night at the Council Offices in Witney. The event was raising money for Woodstock Exhibition Foundation, The Friends of Oxfordshire Museum and Save the Children (Carterton Branch).

14 March 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke and consort Dr Sandra Okeke attended Banbury Mayor's Civic Supper at Banbury Town Hall. The event was raising money for Katherine House Hospice and Samaritans.

21 March 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended Bicester Town Mayor's Chariry Gala Dinner at the Littlebury Hotel in Bicester. The event was raising money for Nai's Houser and Bicester Food Bank.

23 March 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended The Ellen Hinde Hall open afternoon in Bloxham. The event was to enable user groups and funders to see the new facilities and the **Official unveiling** of Carmen Guard Room and commemorative plaque. Cllr Dr Okeke unveiled the Carmen Guard Room followed by a speech.

5 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke and consort Dr Sandra Okeke attended Thame Mayors Charity Ball raising money for Sharing Life Trust and LWS Young Carers. There was a live band and magician for entertainment at the event.

12 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Okeke and consort Dr Sandra Okeke attended a Rock Night where local bands performed, at Didcot Civic Hall. The event was raising money for the mayors chosen charities.

12 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended a universities walking tour of Oxford with OCC Chair Alison Rooke. The walking tour was to give an introduction to the town & its relationship with the University.

25 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended Brackley Mayors Civic Dinner at Brackley Town hall. The dinner was held to raise money for the mayors chosen charities.

26 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Okeke attended the Easter, Vishu, and Ramadan celebrations at Warriner School in Bloxham.

27 April 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Okeke attended the joint service to celebrate St George's Day and the 80th year of victory in Europe at St Michaels in Oxford.

7 May 2025

The Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the opening of Castle Quay office. The event saw cutting of the ribbon and speeches from Gordon Stewart, Cllr David Hingley and the Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke.

8 May 2025

Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the VE day celebration at Banbury Town Centre where a wreath was laid by the Mayor of Banbury, Cllr Mark Cherry, Sir Tony Baldry and the Chairman, Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke.

8 May 2025

Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the lighting of the beacon at Blenheim Palace in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

11 May 2025

Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke held his Charity Sunday Lunch at the Holt Hotel, near Steeple Aston. The event saw an raffle and auction with all money raised for Oxfordshire, Mind. The event was a great success.

13 May 2025

Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the Inauguration Ceremony of the Banbury Town Mayor at Banbury Town Council.

16 May 2025

Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke attended the charity garden party at Oxfordshire museum in Oxfordshire raising money for the Chair's chosen charities.

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Appendix 3 - Committee Appointments 2025/2026

Proportional Committees

(NB. The number in brackets indicates the number of seats for the Group on the Committee. All Group nominations are listed alphabetically by councillor surname)

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Membership (8 members with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group. All committee members must have received training prior to attending a meeting)

Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (2)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (2)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (0)
Cllr Frank Ideh	Cllr Besmira Brasha	Cllr David Rogers	Cllr Ian Middleton	
Cllr Simon Lytton	Cllr Dom Vaitkus	Cllr Nick Mawer		
Cllr Robert Parkinson				

Appeals Panel

Membership (10 members with no substitutes – must NOT be Personnel Committee members)

Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (2)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (0)
Cllr Simon Lytton	Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Cllr Fiaz Ahmed	Cllr John Broad	
Cllr Julian Nedelcu	Cllr Henry Elugwu	Cllr Kieron Mallon		
Cllr Alisa Russell		Cllr Douglas Webb		
Cllr Dorothy Walker				

Budget Planning Committee

Membership (12 members with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group)

Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (1)
Cllr Gordon Blakeway	Cllr Mark Cherry	Cllr Eddie Reeves	Cllr Tom Beckett	Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Frank Ideh	Cllr Andrew Crichton	Cllr David Rogers		
Cllr Robert Parkinson	Cllr Dom Vaitkus	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Rob Pattenden				

General Licensing Committee

Membership (12 seats, with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group)

Liberal Democrat (5)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (0)
Cllr Nick Cotter	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Cllr Fiaz Ahmed	Cllr Ian Middleton	
Cllr Lesley McLean	Cllr Andrew Crichton	Cllr Phil Chapman		
Cllr Robert Parkinson	Cllr Henry Elugwu	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Chris Pruden				
Cllr John Willett				

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership (12 members with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group but shall not be a member of the Executive)

Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (1)
Cllr Gordon Blakeway	Cllr Dr Isabel Creed	Cllr Phil Chapman	Cllr John Broad	Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Gemma Coton	Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Cllr Zoe McLernon		
Cllr Frank Ideh	Cllr Lynne Parsons	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Simon Lytton				

Personnel Committee

Membership (12 members with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group but shall not be a member of the Appeals Panel)

Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (1)
Cllr Chris Brant	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Cllr Phil Chapman	Cllr Fiona Mawson	Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Gemma Coton	Cllr Lynne Parsons	Cllr Nick Mawer		
Cllr Rob Pattenden	Cllr Amanda Watkins	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Chris Pruden				

Planning Committee¹

Membership (18 members, 12 named substitutes. All committee members and named substitutes must have received planning training prior to attending a meeting)

Liberal Democrat (6)	Labour (5)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (4)	Green and Independent Alliance (2)	Independent (1)
Cllr Chris Brant	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Cllr Phil Chapman	Cllr John Broad	Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Jean Conway	Rebecca Clarke MBE	Cllr Ian Harwood	Cllr Fiona Mawson	
Cllr David Hingley	Dr Isbael Creed	Cllr Douglas Webb		
Cllr Lesley McLean	Dr Kerrie Thornhill	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Robert Parkinson	Amanda Watkins			
Cllr Chris Pruden				

Named Substitutes (12 – not included in the proportionality calculations, all Groups to be represented)

Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (1)
Cllr Nick Cotter	Cllr Andrew Crichton	Cllr Eddie Reeves	Cllr Linda Ward	Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Rob Pattenden	Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Cllr David Rogers		
Cllr Dorothy Walker	Cllr Lynne Parsons	Cllr Nigel Simpson		
Cllr John Willett				

¹ The Labour Group will have 5 Planning Committee members and the Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance will have 4 Planning Committee members up to and including the 2 October 2025 Planning Committee meeting. At the 20 October Council meeting, the allocation for the Labour Group and Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance will be switched and committee appointments amended.

Standards Committee

Membership (8 members with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group)

Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (2)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (2)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (0)
Cllr Nick Cotter	Cllr Henry Elugwu	Cllr Phil Chapman	Cllr Linda Ward	
Cllr Julian Nedelcu	Cllr Dr Kerrie Thornhill	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Dorothy Walker				

Non-Proportional Committees

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Licensing Acts Committee

Membership (12 seats, with unnamed substitutes who can be any member of the relevant Group)

Liberal Democrat (5)	Labour (3)	Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance (3)	Green and Independent Alliance (1)	Independent (0)
Cllr Nick Cotter	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Cllr Fiaz Ahmed	Cllr Ian Middleton	
Cllr Lesley McLean	Cllr Andrew Crichton	Cllr Phil Chapman		
Cllr Robert Parkinson	Cllr Henry Elugwu	Cllr Barry Wood		
Cllr Chris Pruden				
Cllr John Willett				

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Council Appointments to Joint Bodies

Rec.	Appointment	Proposed 2025/2026 appointee
1.7	Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Dorothy Walker
1.8	Health and Wellbeing Board representative & named substitute	Member: Cllr Rob Pattenden Named sub: Cllr David Hingley
1.9	Police & Crime Commissioner Scrutiny Panel representative and named substitute	Member: Cllr Robert Parkinson Named sub: Cllr David Hingley
1.10	Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee	Member: Cllr David Hingley Named sub: Cllr Lesley McLean

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