

**From:** Oxfordshire County Council **On Behalf Of** Policy Team  
**Subject:** Introducing the Oxfordshire Councils Charter

Dear clerks and councillors,

I'm excited to share with you the **Oxfordshire Councils Charter**, a dynamic framework designed to **enhance local democracy** and **partnership working** among Oxfordshire councils. The intention for the charter is to remain a 'living' document, acting as a roadmap for better communication, engagement, and collaboration.

The charter embodies our collective commitment to working together more effectively. It's not just about words on paper; it's about practical steps toward stronger partnerships.

### **Your Feedback**

First and foremost, I want to express our gratitude to all the councils, councillors, and clerks who actively participated in shaping this charter. Your feedback has been invaluable, and we've incorporated your concerns and priorities into the final version (attached).

We've also created a dedicated ["You Said, We Did"](#) page where you can find all responses to the consultation on the draft charter. It's important for us to share how your input shaped and influenced the final charter: [Oxfordshire Councils Charter - You said, we did | Let's Talk Oxfordshire](#)

### **Next Steps**

Our work doesn't stop here. At Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), we're already taking steps to put the charter into action. We're identifying practical measures to embed it effectively and at pace. Additionally, we'll provide a toolkit specifically for town and parish councils, helping them navigate OCC and foster stronger partnerships.

### **Charter Launch Event**

On the evening of July 1st, we'll officially launch the charter during OALC's Annual General Meeting. You'll receive invitations and further details from OALC. At the event, we'll outline our plans for implementation and how we'll better support town and parish councils going forward.

### **Toolkit**

In the coming autumn, we'll roll out a toolkit tailored for town and parish councils. This resource will empower you to navigate OCC more effectively and how to become signatories to the charter should your council decide to do so (we hope you will!).

### **Stay Engaged**

Thank you for your ongoing engagement. We're committed to living up to the spirit of the Oxfordshire Councils Charter. If you have any questions, comments, or implementation ideas, feel free to reach out to us at [policyteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:policyteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk).  
Best regards, **Policy Officer**