

Oxfordshire County Council Bus Service Improvement Delivery Plan 2025-26																
Category of scheme/measure	Name of scheme/measure	Additional description of scheme/measure (including intended beneficial outcomes)	Target delivery date	Budget/estimated cost (£k)			(of which) 2025-26 Bus Grant (£k)			(of which) previous years' DfT BSIP funding (£k)			(of which) Other funding (£k)			Notes on other funding sources (identifying non-BSIP funding)
				Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	
Bus priority infrastructure	(OXF01BCB) Banbury - Cherwell Street Bus Lane	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. This scheme constitutes measures to improve bus journey times from the current George Street / Cherwell Street Junction, into the town center, to the Cherwell Street / Bridge Street junction.	31/03/2026	1,681	0	1,681	0	0	0	1,681	0	1,681	0	0	0	
Bus priority infrastructure	(OXF01COT) Connecting Oxfordshire - Traffic Filters with bus priority	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. The installation of 6 'Traffic Filters' at strategic points across Oxford to limit through-traffic when travelling by certain modes of transport. The traffic reductions from these filters will make bus journeys faster, more reliable and allow for new and improved bus routes.	Delivery expected after August 2026 (subject to re-opening of Botley Road by Network Rail)	689	0	689	0	0	0	689	0	689	0	0	0	
Bus priority infrastructure	(OXF01CSU) Countywide Traffic Signals Upgrade	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Delivery of smart traffic signals which detect the approach of buses to key junctions and change the signaling sequence to provide approaching buses with priority, enabling buses to run faster and more reliably.	31/03/2026	773	0	773	0	0	0	773	0	773	0	0	0	
Other infrastructure	(OXF02RTI) Real time information	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. A targeted programme of new and upgraded RTPI displays at bus stops and key public transport hubs and interchanges across Oxfordshire.	30/09/2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No further funds required. Remaining units have already been purchased they only require installation.
Bus priority infrastructure	Traffic signal priority for buses 2025/26 programme	Delivery of smart traffic signals which detect the approach of buses to key junctions and change the signaling sequence to provide approaching buses with priority, enabling buses to run faster and more reliably. Sites in scope expected to include: 1 X site refurb (F202 - Rose Hill Roundabout); 4 X site upgrades (F393, F401, F014, F058) and possible site removals (F318, F270). It also includes a Fusion upgrade to the UTC/SCOOT backend for 4 x regions.	31/03/2026	935	0	935	935	0	935	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus priority infrastructure	Churchill Dr/Old St Junction Improvements	Develop proposals and implement an ANPR enforced left turn ban onto Old Road from Churchill Drive. Expected to lead to a 20% traffic reduction (between 3pm & 6pm) reducing bus delays and improving bus journey times and reliability.	31/03/2026	60	0	60	60	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus priority infrastructure	John Radcliffe Hospital bus priority	Develop and implement (where able within budget and timescales) proposals to improve bus priority within the John Radcliffe hospital site. This could include exploring opportunities for the creation of an integrated interchange/mobility hub on-site and improvements to the passenger waiting environment. Scheme aims to speed up journey times, increase reliability and generally improve the bus offer to/from the JR Hospital.	31/03/2026	400	0	400	400	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus priority infrastructure	Steventon Lights Scheme - implementation	To enable completion of the existing A4130 Steventon Lights scheme which faces a shortfall as a result of finalisation for detailed designs and inflationary cost increases. Scheme aims to provide improved bus journey time savings and reliability and includes the provision of an eastbound bus lane.	01/06/2026	5,188	0	5,188	500	0	500	0	0	0	4,688	0	4,688	Remainder of the cost for this scheme is being funded from s106 and City Deal
Other infrastructure	RTI upgrades and improvements 2025/26 programme	A targeted programme of new and upgraded RTPI displays at bus stops and key public transport hubs and interchanges across Oxfordshire. Expected to include: Improvements to display signage; full roll-out of REACT enabled 'talking bus stop' facilities; new displays at 70 sites; and incorporation of smaller local bus and community transport services within scope of the core RTPI system. Together these will increase the percentage of RTPI enabled bus stops in Oxford to over 50% of the shelter total and support patronage growth and enhancements to service frequencies.	31/03/2026	1,004	0	1,004	1,004	0	1,004	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Development of future proposals	Benson Lane Crowmarsh bus only right turn to A4074 - scheme development	Develop proposals for a signalised right-turn for buses off the southbound A4074, into Benson Lane. Scheme aims to provide faster and more reliable services, better bus access to employment site at Howbery Park and enable easier to understand services, with consistent routing in both directions. It is anticipated that these plans will enable implementation in 2026/27 under a future BSIP allocation.	31/03/2026	100	0	100	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Development of future proposals	Horspath Driftway queue relocation - scheme development	Develop proposals to relocate northbound AM peak queues in the Slade to a "stacking lane" on the Eastern Bypass and Horspath Driftway. Also investigate potential for outbound capacity improvements Horspath Driftway > Eastern Bypass, to reduce southbound PM peak queuing in the Slade. Scheme aims to speed up bus journey times and increase reliability in the Slade. It is anticipated that these plans will enable implementation in 2026/27 under a future BSIP allocation.	31/03/2026	100	0	100	100	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Gloucester Green bus station small scale improvements	Small scale improvements to Gloucester Green Bus Station. This is likely to include: decluttering, new signage, paving repairs, seating, lighting, refresh street furniture, improve cycle parking, redecorate the public waiting area, and install new RTP1 departure screens. Combined, these improvements will significantly improve the passenger experience at the bus station.	31/03/2026	250	0	250	250	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Bus stop installation and upgrades 2025/26 programme	Improve bus stops to a Premium Route standard between Wallingford and the county border near Reading, in Bicester, Science Vale, the Banbury to Stratford routes, Wantage/Grove, and revinyling of S6 & S9 route flags to include Cumnor Hill. Scheme aims to improve the passenger waiting experience at specified bus stops.	31/03/2026	575	0	575	575	0	575	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Great Bourton bus laybys	The creation of new bus laybys on A423 to enable buses to serve the new development. To be match funded by the developer.	31/03/2026	150	0	75	75	0	75	0	0	0	75	0	75	From the Developer (match funded).
Vehicles	Vehicle Improvement Fund	Provision of a Vehicle Improvement Fund that operators can apply for a funding contribution towards vehicle improvements that will either improve the passenger experience or contribute towards decarbonisation of the bus network. For example new vehicles, retrofits, installing or upgrading on board technology such as tap on/tap off readers.	31/03/2026	1,443	0	1,443	1,443	0	1,443	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Simpler/more affordable fares	MyBus Oxfordshire ticketing scheme	To continue provision of the successful MyBus Oxfordshire countywide multi operator day and week tickets for up to a further year as budgets allow. The scheme offers passengers simpler and better value fares, particularly for young people.	01/04/2025	0	700	700	0	700	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Simpler/more affordable fares	Reduced Sunday fares in December	To offer reduced price single fares on Sundays in December 2025 across the County. This builds on the previous £1 Sundays offer in 2023 and 2024. This scheme provides passengers with better value fares, boosts the Sunday economy and reduces congestion during the busy festive season.	07/12/2025	0	110	110	0	110	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Simpler/more affordable fares	Asylum seekers bus pass scheme	12 month extension of an existing pilot scheme to provide free bus travel for asylum seekers living in Oxford. The scheme helps to break down mobility barriers that limit asylum seekers' access to essential services and community life.	01/04/2025	0	100	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Countywide bus stop audit	To undertake a countywide bus stop audit in order to build an up to date and complete database listing the facilities and accessibility standards of all bus stops. This will identify where improvements are needed to bring bus stops up to a consistent standard, ultimately leading to an improved passenger waiting experience and better access for all.	31/03/2026	0	150	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Oxfordshire Bus Stop Design Guide	To produce an Oxfordshire Bus Stop Design Guide outlining new standards for bus stops across the County in accordance with usage levels. This combined with the results of the bus stop audit, will enable development of a programme of future upgrade works, ultimately leading to an improved passenger waiting experience and better access for all.	31/03/2026	0	15	15	0	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	Countywide pinch point analysis	The pinch point analysis assesses the impact of hot spot junctions on bus reliability and speed which enables prioritisation of sites for further bus priority improvements. In addition the results will be compared with the previous pinch point analysis to measure the impact of interventions made within the last two years.	31/03/2026	0	75	75	0	75	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	Using the bus support & education scheme pilot	A pilot education and support scheme for school children to increase their confidence in using the bus. The scheme aims to encourage greater bus use by those children both for now and for the future.	31/03/2026	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Improved information, marketing	Targeted marketing and promotion initiatives	Targeted marketing and promotion initiatives to raise awareness of and to provide better bus passenger information. This is likely to include but not be limited to: marketing of a new improved passenger charter, the partnership website, new bus maps, provision of better signage and marketing materials in specific locations.	31/03/2026	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LTA delivery/admin costs	Staff resources to support BSIP Delivery Plan and EP activities	To maintain existing BSIP funded positions and bring in additional staff support for bus stop infrastructure, administration, and maintenance of the partnership website.	01/04/2025	0	192	192	0	192	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	Fleet Support	Continuation of existing BSOG support for internal fleet service including provision of community transport services and local bus routes.	01/04/2025	0	419	419	0	419	419	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	46 Wheatley - Cowley	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Hourly service Monday to Friday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	150	150	0	48	48	0	103	103	0	0	0	

Bus service support/network development	63 Southmoor - Appleton - Oxford	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Peak and off peak service Monday to Friday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	449	449	0	231	231	0	219	219	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	24 Bicester - Kirtlington - Oxford	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Peak and off peak service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	302	302	0	122	122	0	181	181	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	94/94A Harwell Campus/Blewbury - Didcot	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Hourly service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	369	369	0	189	189	0	179	179	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	500 Bicester - Brackley	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Hourly service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	576	576	0	294	294	0	282	282	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	X34 Harwell Campus - Newbury	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Hourly service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	293	293	0	129	129	0	124	124	0	40	40	From West Berkshire Council
Bus service support/network development	64 Witney - Carterton - Swindon	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Peak and off peak service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	143	143	0	21	21	0	121	121	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	25 Sonning Common - Reading	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Improvement to half hourly Monday to Saturday plus additional evening and Sunday journeys. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	177	177	0	0	0	0	177	177	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	700 Kidlington - Headington - Thornhill	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Various elements inc. de-minimis. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	434	434	0	0	0	0	199	199	0	235	235	Part funded from held BSOG.
Bus service support/network development	S2X Carterton - Oxford	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Peak express service Monday to Friday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	87	87	0	13	13	0	74	74	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	X4 Banbury - Kidlington - Oxford	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Peak express service Monday to Friday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	143	143	0	0	0	0	143	143	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	Oxford Botley Road/Oxford support	Continuation of existing BSIP funded scheme. Various services in/around Oxford. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	412	412	0	122	122	0	290	290	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	21 Bicester town service	Continuation of half hourly service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	131	131	0	131	131	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	S3 Chipping Norton - (Charlbury) - Woodstock	Continuation of hourly service Monday to Saturday from Chipping Norton / Charlbury, hourly service Sunday from Chipping Norton. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	256	256	0	256	256	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	S4 Banbury - Oxford	Continuation of hourly service Monday to Saturday, 90 mins on Sunday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	94	94	0	94	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	14 Risinghurst - Headington - Oxford	Continuation of half hourly service Headington-Oxford daily, hourly from Risinghurst. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	185	185	0	185	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	X9 Chipping Norton - Witney	Continuation of hourly service Monday to Saturday, two hourly Sunday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	170	170	0	170	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	200 Daventry - Banbury	Continuation of hourly service Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	172	172	0	86	86	0	0	0	0	86	86	50% funded by West Northamptonshire Council
Bus service support/network development	29/H5 Bicester - Arncott/Headington	Continuation of half hourly service Monday to Saturday to Ambrosden, then hourly to Arncott/JR Hospital. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	330	330	0	165	165	0	0	0	0	165	165	50% funded by S106
Bus service support/network development	ST1 Oxford - Harwell Campus	Continuation of hourly service Monday to Friday, with additional peak journeys. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	01/04/2025	0	180	180	0	90	90	0	0	0	0	90	90	50% funded by Harwell Campus
Bus service support/network development	X40 Oxford - Wallingford - Reading	New half hourly service on Sundays and improved night service. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	31/07/2025	0	85	85	0	85	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	44 Oxford - Cumnor - Abingdon	New Saturday evening service. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	18/05/2025	0	30	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus service support/network development	X32 Didcot - Oxford - JR Hospital	Improvement to 20 mins Monday to Saturday. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.	30/08/2025	0	280	280	0	140	140	0	0	0	0	140	140	50% funded by MEPC (Milton Park)

Bus service support/network development	Cotswolds/West Oxfordshire - various services	Improvements to and/or introduction of Sunday services in the Cotswolds/West Oxfordshire region in partnership with neighbouring local transport authorities. Improvements will include the 801 Chipping Norton - Cheltenham and the S2 Cheltenham - Witney - Oxford. Enables an improved bus offer to passengers and encourages greater bus use.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					</
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