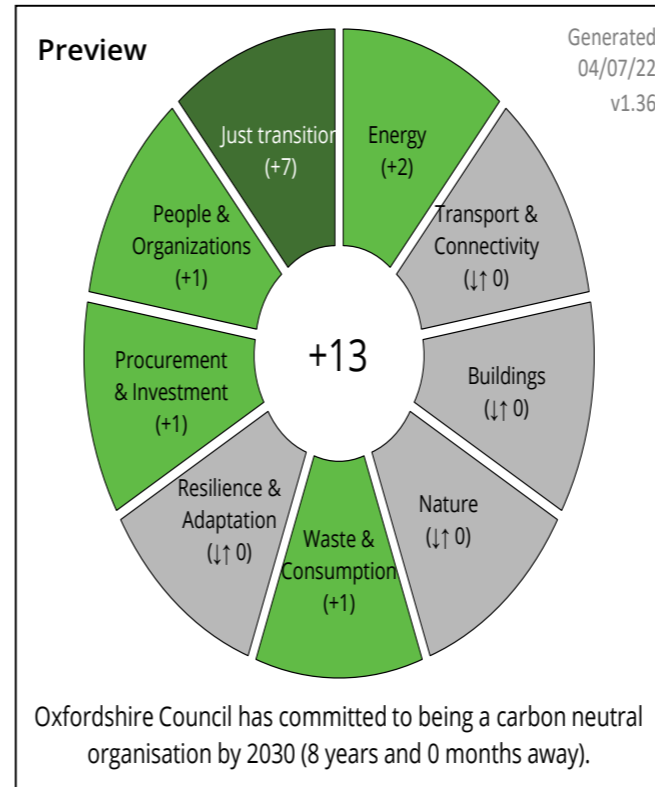


Climate Impact Assessment

Summary

Directorate and Service Area	Public Health
What is being assessed	Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy and Procurement of Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service and Independent domestic Violence Advocate Services (IDVAS) in response to new statutory duty for OCC following the publication of the Domestic abuse Act 2021
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	Existing function
Summary of assessment	
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Assessment date	



Detail of proposal

Context / Background	OCC is required to carry out a needs assessment and publish a domestic abuse safe accommodation strategy as part of their statutory duty and in response to the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act. OCC has completed a public consultation to inform an additional overarching domestic abuse strategy to inform wider system change. The intention is to commission Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse services (ODAS), in time for a contract start date of April 2023. These include provision for safe accommodation and support, specialist support from the IDVA service to assist in the prevention and reduction of harm for individuals and their children affected by domestic abuse.
Proposal	The Domestic Abuse Act has placed new statutory responsibilities on upper tier local authorities requiring new strategies in response to national guidance included in the Domestic Abuse Plan and new guidance for commissioners published in 2022.
Evidence / Intelligence	Public Health has carried out a detailed needs assessment due to be published shortly to inform the development of the Safe Accommodation Strategy and Overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy. Both these strategies have been subject to public consultation on Let's Talk and amended with information from these stakeholder consultations which included responses from victim survivors and children and young people. These documents will inform future commissioning arrangements for new services which are co-commissioned with City, District authorities and Police and Crime Commissioner with dedicated provision for people with protected characteristics. The location of new services will also ensure staff are equipped to deliver telephone and web based solutions to facilitate agile working, reducing the need for staff travel while still ensuring access for people living in rural and urban areas of Oxfordshire, receive advice and support. The impact of climate change will also be taken into account in the service specifications for new services and evaluation to ensure it is an integral part of the future delivery model.
Alternatives considered / rejected	These proposed changes need to be made to enable the Council to deliver its statutory duty for domestic abuse. The future service specifications will continue to be informed by a market engagement event to ensure that they meet national and local requirements. The current Domestic Abuse Service contracts and IDVA contracts are due to terminate in March 2022, subject to granting of exemptions pending recommissioning a system wide response to future service developments.

Category	Impact criteria	Score (-3 to +3)	Description of impact	Actions or mitigations to reduce negative impacts	Action owner	Timeline and monitoring arrangements
Energy	Increases energy efficiency	1		Opportunity for service specification to include key performance indicators around energy efficiency		annual review with service provider
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	1		Opportunity for service specification to include key performance indicators around low carbon and renewable energy.		annual review with service provider
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	2	As well as face to face -group work on-line, digital, telephone and webchat are all available and promoted. Plus using co-located basis to see clients where possible. Visits are also planned carefully to reduce car use.			
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	-1		Opportunity to encourage more walking and cycling by service provider-Include in service specification and check bidders policy supports this		annual review with service provider to monitor progress
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	-1		Opportunity to encourage service provider to use public transport as often as possible Include in service specification and check bidders policy supports this.		annual review with service provider to monitor progress
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	-1		opportunity to promote electric modes of transport with service provider- include in service spec and check bidders policy supports this		annual review with service provider to monitor progress
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	N/A				
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A				
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	N/A				
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A				

Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	N/A	encourage allow children and adults more access to green spaces	opportunity to add key performance indicators around access to green space for emergency accomodation residents recognizing the importance of access to green space for health and well being	review with service provider on an annual basis
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	N/A			
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling		1 Use of local food banks helps to reduce food waste		
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	N/A			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	N/A			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	N/A			
Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability		1 Food is sourced locally	Opportunity in tender process to specify the use of low carbon, circular, sustainably products in emergency accomodation such as eco friendly cleaning products etc.	review on an annual basis to monitor progress
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero	N/A			
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency		1	Opportunity to ensure that service provider staff have or will seek training around carbon literacy- add as a desired specification in the tender doc.	review on an annual basis to monitor progress
People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency	N/A			
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation	N/A			
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing		3	The overarching strategy is about keeping people safe and investing in their health and wellbeing. For example providing access to GP, providing support around mental health etc.	
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality		3	The work seeks to address poverty and inequalities by for example providing access to employment and training.	