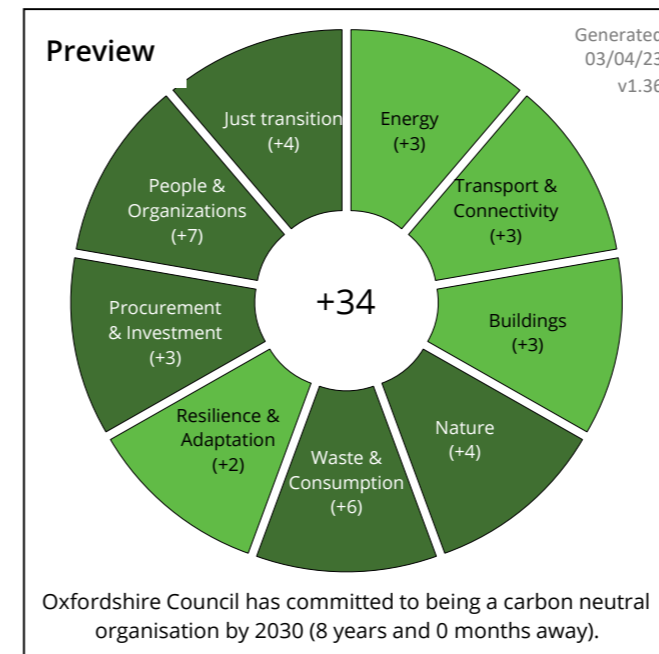


Climate Impact Assessment

Summary

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| Directorate and Service Area | Waste Management, Environment and Circular Economy, Environment and Place |
| What is being assessed | CAGPOL grant funding |
| Is this a new or existing function or policy? | Expanding existing activities |
| Summary of assessment | THE CAGPOL grant proposal was specifically designed to help us address the climate emergency with local communities and residents. It aims to demonstrate that small actions can make a difference and inspire communities to take action in their local area. The project has scored highly in this assessment (to be expected) but demonstrates the breadth of the activity taking place. |
| Completed by | Rachel Burns |
| Climate action sign off by | Tammy Marrett |
| Director sign off by | |
| Assessment date | |



Detail of proposal

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| Context / Background | <p>The Community Action Group (CAG) project is a network of over 100 grassroots community groups working on waste, energy, transport, biodiversity and food. They hold over 5,000 events and activities a year, with over 38,000 attendees, and brought almost £1,600,000 in funding and income to the county in 20/21, as well as all the unmeasurable social benefits of thriving, connected communities.</p> <p>OCC has fully funded this network since 2001, firstly through a contract with Resource Futures (RF; a consultancy), and then, after a dedicated Community Interest Company was established, directly with</p> |
| Proposal | <p>Increased funding will enable more activities to be carried out, helping to enact more behaviour change and helping to meet the climate aspirations of the council.</p> <p>Supporting the CAG network is part of the range of activities being carried out under the Climate Action Framework. Empowering and supporting communities to deliver local change can be a powerful way of engaging with those who may not traditionally interact with council communications and deliver wider benefits such as increased community cohesion.</p> |
| Evidence / Intelligence | <p>CAG carry out an annual survey of their members and feedback form from events held.</p> <p>CAG strategy and proposal was developed in conjunction with members.</p> <p>CAG use a tool created with Defra funding to try to quantify the impact if their work on environmental targets</p> <p>Climate, waste, trees, biodiversity, active travel, flooding and public health teams have all been sighted on the proposals and, where appropriate signed off on the activities</p> |

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| Alternatives considered / rejected | Climate, waste, trees, biodiversity, active travel, flooding and public health teams have all been sighted on the proposals and, where appropriate signed off on the activities |
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| Category | Impact criteria | Score (-3 to +3) | Description of impact | Actions or mitigations to reduce negative impacts | Action owner | Timeline and monitoring arrangements |
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| Energy | Increases energy efficiency | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Energy | Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | | |
| Energy | Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | | |
| Transport & Connectivity | Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Transport & Connectivity | Supports active travel | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | | |
| Transport & Connectivity | Increases use of public transport | | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | | |
| Transport & Connectivity | Accelerates electrification of transport | N/A | | | | |
| Buildings | Promotes net zero new builds and developments | N/A | | | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Buildings | Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings | | 2 Community wealth building aspect focuses on this area specifically | | | |
| Nature | Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems | | 2 Connecting communities and nature work aspect focuses on this area specifically | | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Nature | Develops blue and green infrastructure | N/A | | | | |

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| Nature | Improves access to nature and green spaces | 2 | Connecting communities and nature work aspect focuses on this area specifically | | |
| Waste & Consumption | Reduces overall consumption | 2 | Circular Economy aspect focuses on this area specifically | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Waste & Consumption | Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling | 2 | Circular Economy aspect focuses on this area specifically | | |
| Resilience & Adaptation | Increases resilience to flooding | 1 | Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Resilience & Adaptation | Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts) | 1 | Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change | | |
| 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 | CAGPOL offer grants to local groups to deliver activities and behaviour change projects aimed at addressing the climate emergency. All procurement or purchases align with this | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Procurement & Investment | Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero | 1 | CAGPOL offer grants to local groups to deliver activities and behaviour change projects aimed at addressing the climate emergency. All procurement or purchases align with this | | |
| People & Organizations | Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency | 3 | CAGPOL contract is specifically designed to deliver this objective for the Climate Action Framework | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| People & Organizations | Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency | 2 | CAGPOL contract is specifically designed to deliver this objective for the Climate Action Framework | | |

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| Just transition | Promotes green innovation and job creation | 2 Community wealth building aspect focuses on this area specifically | Rachel Burns, OCC, Katherine Chesson, CAGPOL | Through output monitoring, reported to OCC through regular catch ups and annual report |
| Just transition | Promotes health and wellbeing | 1 Communications work and group activities cover this area hopefully leading to behaviour change the impacts of climate change can be more disproportionately felt by disadvantaged communities. | | |
| Just transition | Reduces poverty and inequality | 1 CAGPOL's work to give a voice to the marginalised and to work across Oxfordshire to address the climate emergency will help this | | |