

## **Policy Position on Reducing Oxfordshire County Councils Supply Chain Emissions**

The carbon emissions generated as a consequence of Oxfordshire County Council's procurement activity represent a significant majority of the councils carbon emissions, estimated at around 150,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per annum in 2020/21 and representing around 90 per cent of the council's total carbon footprint<sup>1</sup>.

Alongside the commitment to realise net zero emissions from the corporate estate by 2030, Oxfordshire County Council is committed to working with its supply chain to reduce emissions and ensuring they are increasingly aligned to science-based targets for net zero emissions.

To align our supply chain emissions with science-based targets, we will:

### **Engage with our suppliers on their carbon emissions and expand supply chain emission reporting:**

- Work with our existing major suppliers - where annual expenditure is more than £5million per annum - to seek baseline carbon emissions data and understand carbon reduction plans and policies.
- For future contracts above £5m seek to work with suppliers who have set science-based emissions targets for their business.
- For all new council contracts of a value of over £1 million per annum include a requirement for reporting of scope 1 and 2 emissions to the council.

### **Collaborate with our suppliers, partners and purchasing organisations on decarbonisation opportunities:**

- The County Council will work with major suppliers collaboratively to identify the potential for innovative solutions to enable increased supply chain emission reductions and jointly seek innovation funding.
- The County Council will seek to work with other local authorities and other purchasing organisations to develop best practice specifications to increase our combined buying power, share best practice and give certainty to the market.
- Work with Oxfordshire partnerships such as Oxfordshire Greentech and the Inclusive Economy partnership to support Oxfordshire businesses in line with this policy.
- Annually share decarbonisation best practice from our contracts.

### **Implement low carbon principles and specifications in future council contracts:**

- The County Council will implement established, cost-effective low carbon principles and specifications in council contracts to drive down supply chain emissions, including in lower value contracts.
- Develop mechanisms for smaller suppliers to be supported with advice to reduce emissions and simple metrics that allow emissions reporting.

### **Maximise the effectiveness of Oxfordshire County Council's Social Value Policy to realise further supply chain emission reduction opportunities:**

- Through the newly launched Social Value Policy, the council will encourage suppliers to independently identify further opportunities to deliver contracts to the council with low carbon measures.

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<sup>1</sup> This is an estimate using an expenditure-based calculation and does not constitute an accurate baseline for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reporting purposes.