

Climate Impact Assessment

Details of proposal - *fill in all the areas shaded in blue*

Directorate and Service Area	Environment and Highways
What is being assessed (e.g. name of policy, procedure, project, service or proposed service change).	Oxfordshire County Council Sustainable School Travel to School Strategy
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	New policy document
Summary of assessment Briefly summarise the policy or proposed service change. Summarise possible impacts. (following completion of the assessment).	<p>The Sustainable School Travel Strategy sets out Oxfordshire County Council's vision and aims for promoting active and sustainable travel to school.</p> <p>The strategy identifies actions that will have a positive impact on the environment including a reduction in air quality, reduction in waste, and improved accessibility to active and sustainable travel (particularly for the most deprived communities in Oxfordshire).</p>

Context / Background

Briefly summarise the background to the proposal, including reasons for any changes from previous versions

The strategy is a statutory requirement from the Department for Education. Oxfordshire County Council are required to review and update the strategy annually - this is the first strategy update for an extended period.

Sustainable travel to school is beneficial to the environment and health and wellbeing of children, young people, their families and the community and therefore helps to address many of the council's priorities. The strategy compliments the Council's Active Travel Strategy and Bus Service Improvement Plan. It underpins the Council's Local Transport Connectivity Plan 2022-2050.

Proposal Explain the detail of the proposal, including why this has been decided as the best course of action.

This Sustainable School Travel Strategy compliments the Council's Active Travel Strategy and underpins the Council's Local Transport Connectivity Plan 2022-2050. The intent and purpose of this work is to identify the impacts the county council has on active travel to schools and other educational establishments, both positive and negative. The strategy proposes an ambitious vision for the promotion of active travel to schools in Oxfordshire. The vision outlines what we are working towards, sets the scale of change required. It will also require us to work in partnership with other stakeholders to deliver this ambition. In support of the vision, the strategy identifies a set of objectives and a strategic approach to guide the work on promoting active travel to schools and other education settings. The strategy is then supported by an action plan that identifies the work already underway and any new actions that we will be taking to deliver our vision and objectives.

Evidence / Intelligence

List and explain any data, consultation outcomes, research findings, feedback from service users and stakeholders etc, that supports your proposal and can help to inform the judgements you make about potential impact on our ability to deliver our climate commitments.

This strategy was developed in collaboration with teams across Oxfordshire County Council involved in school journeys. Alongside this, a public engagement exercise via an online consultation on Let's Talk Oxfordshire was used to understand the public's priorities and inform the action plan.

A sounding board involving young people from across many of Oxfordshire's large settlements explored the concept of transport and travel and barriers to travelling independently and improvements sought. This was data was also used to inform the strategy.

Data collected locally, including through travel plan development and consultations (although not comprehensive) reflects the national picture on mode choice for school journeys and barriers to active and sustainable travel.

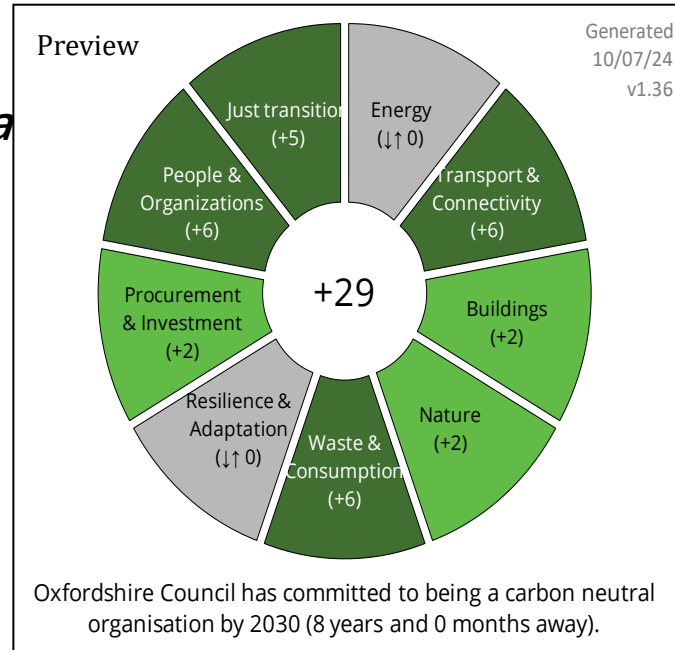
<p>Alternatives considered / rejected Summarise any other approaches that have been considered in developing the proposal, and the reasons why these were not adopted. This could include reasons why doing nothing is not an option.</p>	<p>OCC are required by the Department for Education to develop a Sustainable School Travel Strategy. Many of the actions identified in the strategy are linked to existing council work and so alternatives were not considered. For new actions and the vision, several proposals were considered and were refined through the officer workshop. A do-nothing approach was not considered appropriate for a range of reasons. This includes: Work to increase the levels of active travel to school aligns with delivery of Oxfordshire County Councils priorities. The development of a car centric culture contributes to rising levels of childhood obesity and the related long term ill health issues.</p>
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<p>Climate action sign off by</p>	
<p>Director sign off by</p>	
<p>Assessment date</p>	<p>01/07/2024</p>

Climate Impact

Assessment tool

Assessment of impacts - *fill in the a shaded in blue*

Report Name	Sustainable School Travel Strategy
Project Notes	This strategy sets out how Oxfordshire County Council will support children, young people and their families to make sustainable journeys to school and college. Sustainable in this instance refers to travel by walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling and bus.
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Category	Impact criteria	Score (-3 to +3) - select 0 only if not applicable	Description of impact (see guidance sheet or attached notes for more information)	Actions or mitigations to reduce negative impacts	Action owner	Timeline and monitoring arrangements
Energy	Increases energy efficiency	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	2	This strategy seeks to make travel by walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling and bus easier for school journeys thereby reducing the need to own a private car. This compliments the work outlined in LTCP that aims to reduce the need for a private car.		Delivery by a range of stakeholders	Annual review for strategy update

Transport & Connectivity

Supports active travel

3 The strategy identifies actions (informed by data collection including engagement with users) that address barriers to active travel, thereby making it easier for people to engage in active travel for the school journey.

Delivery by a range of stakeholders

Annual review for strategy update

Transport & Connectivity

Increases use of public transport

2 This strategy seeks to increase use of public transport with actions aimed at addressing barriers to public transport use including cost, routing and timing.

Delivery by a range of stakeholders

Annual review for strategy update

<p>Transport & Connectivity</p> <p>Accelerates electrification of transport</p>	<p>1</p> <p>The strategy promotes travel plan development, which includes exploring staff travel and how to support staff with an electric vehicle. New school guidance also outlines a requirement for electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>Travel Plans and Behavioural Change Team, Property Team</p> <p>Annual review for strategy update</p>
<p>Buildings</p> <p>Promotes net zero new builds and developments</p>	<p>1</p> <p>This strategy supports new build school guidance that seeks to have a limited impact on the environment. New build guidance also sets requirements for active and sustainable travel provision for journeys to school.</p> <p>Travel Plans and Behavioural Change Team, Property Team</p> <p>Annual review for strategy update</p>

Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems		1	Promoting active and sustainable travel will help to improve air quality and therefore have a positive impact on biodiversity and ecosystems.		Delivery by a range of stakeholders	Annual review for strategy update
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces		1	The strategy identifies actions to improve active travel routes within and between communities - this may also improve access to nature and green spaces as a result.		Travel Plans and Behavioural Change Teams and Placemaking Teams	Annual review for strategy update
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption		2	This strategy promotes and looks to expand bike libraries, which recycle and		Travel Plans and Behavioural Change Team and	Annual review for strategy update

<p>Waste & Consumption</p> <p>Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>retrofit old bikes and loan them out to people to use rather than buying a new bike. The strategy also seeks to expand bike maintenance courses to reduce the number of abandoned bikes.</p> <hr/> <p>This strategy promotes and looks to expand bike libraries, which recycle and retrofit old bikes and loan them out to people to use rather than buying a new bike. The strategy also seeks to expand bike maintenance courses to reduce the number of abandoned bikes.</p>		<p>Fire and Rescue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Travel Plans and Behavioural Change Team and Fire and Rescue Service</p>	<p>Annual review for strategy update</p>
<p>Resilience & Adaptation</p>	<p>Increases resilience to flooding</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero	1	Any investment to deliver the actions in the strategy will also deliver climate action benefits due to the links between active and sustainable travel, air quality, waste reduction and climate action.		Delivery by a range of stakeholders	Annual review for strategy update

<p>People & Organizations</p>	<p>Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency</p>	<p>3</p> <p>This strategy outlines a range of actions that will support active and sustainable journeys to school (and therefore address the climate and ecological emergency) . These actions are both behaviour change actions and infrastructure actions (the necessity for both to bring about change is realised).</p>		<p>Delivery by a range of stakeholders</p>	<p>Annual review for strategy update</p>
<p>People & Organizations</p>	<p>Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Work to deliver the actions in the strategy will also deliver climate action benefits due to the links between active and sustainable travel and climate action.</p>		<p>Delivery by a range of stakeholders</p>	<p>Annual review for strategy update</p>

Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing		3	This a strategy outlines actions to promote and improve active travel and air quality.		Delivery by a range of stakeholders Annual review for strategy update
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality		2	This strategy outlines actions to improve access to active travel, particularly in deprived communities - this includes bike libraries and projects with partners Active Oxfordshire.		Delivery by a range of stakeholders Annual review for strategy update
Just transition	Promotes inclusion and participation		2	This strategy was developed in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. A public engagement exercise and sounding board		Delivery by a range of stakeholders Annual review for strategy update

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