Let's begin the conversation

The Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance will be a leader for positive change in our county over the next four years.

Our aim is simple – to make Oxfordshire a greener, fairer county.

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We will:

Oxfordshire County Council
CLIMATE ACTION
Carbon neutral by 2030

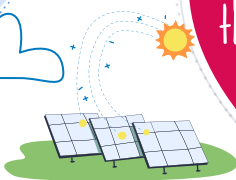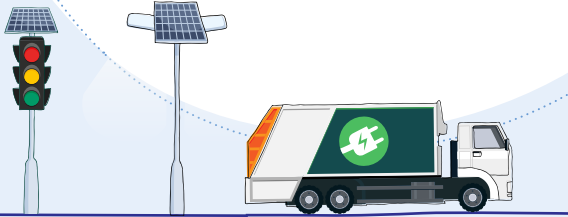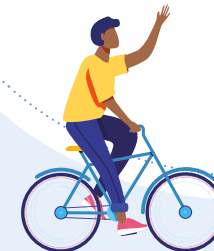### 1. Put action to address the climate emergency at the heart of our work

We will reduce our own carbon emissions by setting ambitious targets and our carbon net zero commitment will be aligned to the Climate and Ecology Bill. We will lead by example, including by accelerating our LED street lighting replacement programme. Our environmental and planning ambitions will support climate action, climate resilience and nature recovery.

2. Tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire

We will work with our partners and local communities to address health, social and educational inequalities focusing on those in greatest need. We will seek practical solutions for those most adversely affected by the pandemic. We will support digital inclusion initiatives that give our residents the skills, connectivity and accessibility to our services and provide alternative options for those who cannot access our services digitally.

3. Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents

We will work with our partners to deliver and support services that make a vital contribution to our residents' physical and mental wellbeing. This includes implementing a plan to make Oxfordshire smoke-free by 2025 and a renewed focus on tackling domestic abuse. We will support the wellbeing of those in our community who have been affected, physically and mentally by the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to support our amazing volunteers and the voluntary sector.

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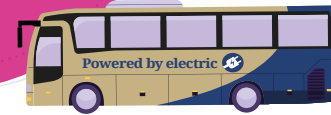
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4. Support carers and the social care system

We will engage nationally to push for a fair deal for the funding of social care. Locally, we will support carers and help those who want to live independently. We will explore new ways to provide services – using co-operatives and the community – and focus on preventative services, helping people to stay active and supported at all stages of their lives. We will support intergenerational programmes that bring together the young and the old to build strong and resilient communities.

5. Invest in an inclusive, integrated and sustainable transport network

Powered by electric

We will create a transport network that makes active travel the first choice for short journeys and invests in public transport to significantly reduce our reliance on car journeys. In areas of planned housing growth, we will prioritise active and public transport over road capacity for cars. We will accelerate our support for communities in implementing 20mph zones.

6. Improve access to nature and green spaces

We will work with partners to provide safe and clean green spaces across the county that support the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents. We will take action to increase biodiversity in both rural and urban environments.

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We will:

7. Create opportunities for children and young people to reach their full potential

We will support all our children and young people, and their families, to achieve their very best and to prepare them for their future, including those more vulnerable and with additional needs. We will invest additional resources in holiday activity programmes across the county, with a focus on the highest areas of deprivation.

8. Play our part in a vibrant local democracy

We are committed to taking decisions in an open and inclusive way. We will engage and listen to Oxfordshire residents. We will be open to scrutiny and regularly provide progress updates. We will put the impact on the climate and future generations at the heart of decision making. We will manage our own resources carefully.

9. Work with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit

We will help Oxfordshire become a recognised centre of innovation in green and sustainable technologies. We will use our purchasing power for environmental, social and economic benefit and ensure that our pandemic recovery planning supports sustainable job creation.

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