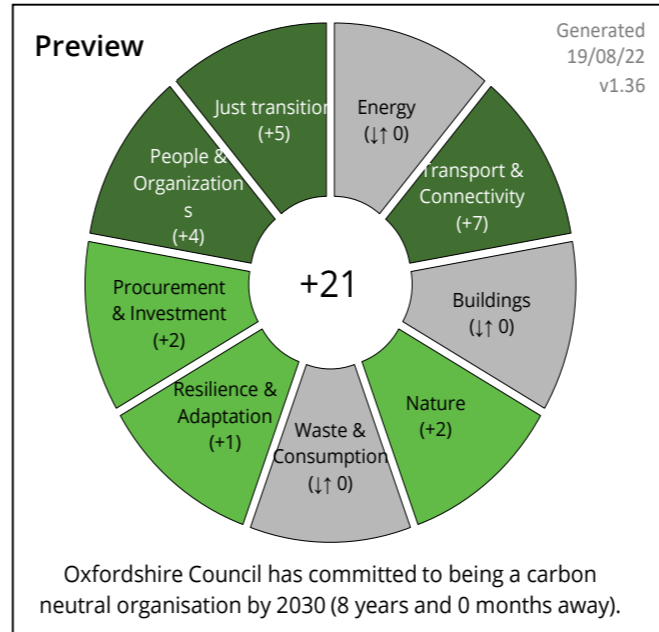


Climate Impact Assessment

Summary

Directorate and Service Area	Environment and Place, Growth and Economy
What is being assessed	Implementing 'Decide & Provide': Requirements for Transport Assessments
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	A new technical document
Summary of assessment	The assessment shows that the Implementing 'Decide & Provide': Requirements for Transport Assessments document should make a significant positive contribution towards the County Council's aims of addressing the climate and ecological emergency.
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Assessment date	18th July 2022



Detail of proposal

Context / Background	The document sets out OCC's requirements for implementing Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) policy on adopting a 'decide and provide' approach to transport planning in transport assessments (submitted as part of planning applications for new development).
Proposal	This document supports the implementation of LTCP policy to ensure that the policy is effective in its aims.
Evidence / Intelligence	<p>The document is based on guidance that TRICS (2021) has produced, called the 'Guidance Note on the Practical Implementation of the Decide & Provide Approach' with further detail and requirements provided relevant to the LTCP. Further literature (both government and academic) is referenced throughout the document.</p> <p>It is thought to be one of the first instances of a local highway authority producing a document of this kind, i.e. completely reshaping the requirements for the way transport assessments are conducted by developers.</p> <p>An initial engagement process has been undertaken which sought comments from a focussed group of internal colleagues. Following this, an engagement process is about to be embarked upon whereby input is being sought from officers at the district and city councils, industry stakeholders, other local highway authorities, and the authors of the guidance upon which the document is based.</p>
Alternatives considered / rejected	Previous Local Transport Plans have not typically been supported by supplementary documents intended to ensure the effective implementation of OCC policy, so in that sense doing nothing was previously the option taken.

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	0	n/a			
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	0	n/a			
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	0	n/a			
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	2	The fundamental aim of this document is focussed on helping to ensure that new developments across the county are located in places where the need to travel is minimised. Where travel is necessary it should be via sustainable and active modes, facilitated and encouraged by improvements to provision for these modes delivered by developments or by contributions towards schemes delivered by OCC instead of highway capacity improvements designed only for the private motor vehicle.			
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	2				
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	2				
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	1	May indirectly help to assist in a move towards electrification of public transport by encouraging a greater focus on investment in improvements to bus services.			
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	0	n/a			
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	0	n/a			
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	1	By seeking to minimise new road building, this document should help to protect local habitats and wildlife.			
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	0	n/a			
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	1	By improving provision for active modes, walking and cycling networks should in turn be better connected to nature and green spaces.			
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	0	n/a			
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling	0	n/a			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	0	n/a			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	0	n/a			

Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	By contributing towards decarbonising the transport network, 1 this document helps to reduce the transport network's detrimental impacts on climate change
Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability	0 n/a
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero	The document will directly influence the refocussing of investment 2 towards making improvements to encourage and facilitate the use of active and sustainable modes of
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency	2 The document will result in a greater emphasis on the delivery of infrastructure improvements to encourage and facilitate sustainable and active mode use by people travelling within Oxfordshire. The document supports the County Council's and other organisation's
People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency	2 (district and city councils, developers, etc.) efforts to address the climate and ecological emergency.
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation	1 Through ensuring that new developments are appropriately connected by better walking and cycling routes and public transport services, this may in turn help to drive green innovation and job creation. As a result of encouraging greater use of active transport modes, this will
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing	2 help to address air quality, encourage more people to be active, and improve access to green open space. The document should result in better
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality	2 access to low-carbon or zero-carbon transport options.