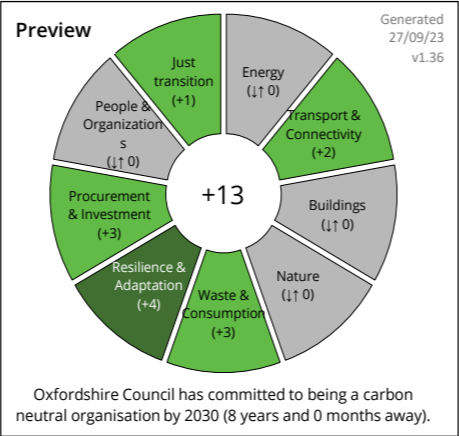


# Climate Impact Assessment

## Summary

<b>Directorate and Service Area</b>	Environment & Place - Highways Maintenance
<b>What is being assessed</b>	Project to specify and procure new highways maintenance contract/s.
<b>Is this a new or existing function or policy?</b>	Existing function
<b>Summary of assessment</b>	
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<b>Climate action sign off by</b>	
<b>Director sign off by</b>	Paul Fermer
<b>Assessment date</b>	44783



**Detail of proposal**

<b>Context / Background</b>	The existing highways maintenance contract is set to expire on 31st March 2025, a review will be completed to determine the best model for Oxfordshire and to procure this model.
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposal is to determine the most appropriate highways maintenance model for Oxfordshire and once approval from cabinet has been received, look to procure this model.
<b>Evidence / Intelligence</b>	Contract expires 31st March 2025.  Any future contract/s will look to embrace latest technologies which may reduce the climate impact of any future contract/s.
<b>Alternatives considered / rejected</b>	There are no alternatives other than to determine the best model for Oxfordshire and seek to procure a new model. Failure to do so will result in the councils statutory duties to maintain their highway assets.

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	N/A	New highways maintenance contract will not impact energy efficiency			
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	N/A	This contract does not impact on the switch to low carbon or renewable energy			
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A	This contract does not impact on local, smart energy systems.			
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	N/A	This contract does not reduce the need to travel or need for private car ownership.			
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	1	This contract will be responsible for the maintenance of existing and in some cases construction of new active travel infrastructure.			
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	1	This contract will maintain assets used by public transport providers			
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	1	This contract will maintain assets used by electric and autonomous vehicles			
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	N/A	This contract does not impact on new builds and developments.			
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A	This contract does not impact on buildings.			
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	N/A	This contract does not protect, restore or enhance biodiversity			
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A	This contract does not impact on blue or green infrastructure.			
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	N/A	This contract will not improve access to nature or green spaces.			
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	1	This contract will look to embrace latest technologies within the sector including the optimisation of materials and reduction of waste.			
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling	1	This contract will look to reduce waste in terms of materials used and promote the recycling of materials where possible.			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	1	Where applicable this contract may be used to build flood alleviation assets.			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	1	Where applicable this contract may be used to respond to other events			
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	2	This contract will look to maintain and improve transport infrastructure.			

Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability		1	This contract will look to adopt and promote latest industry innovations including low carbon alternatives to traditional maintenance techniques
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero		1	This contract will look to adopt and promote latest industry innovations including low carbon alternatives to traditional maintenance techniques
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency	N/A		This contract will not seek to drive behavioural change addressing the climate and ecological emergency.
People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency	N/A		This contract will not seek to drive organisational change addressing the climate and ecological emergency.
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation		1	This contract will look to adopt and promote latest industry innovations including low carbon alternatives to traditional maintenance techniques
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing	N/A		This cotntract will not look to promote health and wellbeing
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality	N/A		This contract will not look to reduce poverty and inequality