

Appendix 1 – Overview of Climate Action Programme 2022/23 Delivery Plan

The table below provides an overview of the actions included in the 2022/23 delivery plan for the Climate Action Programme, across its three pillars:

- Becoming a climate active council
- Decarbonising our estate and operations by 2030
- Enabling Oxfordshire’s transition to net zero.

| Climate Action Programme 2022/23 delivery plan | | |
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| Becoming a climate active council | | RAG |
| Deliver climate action objectives and outcomes through the Delivering the Future Together (DtFT) programme | Director Strategy, Insight and Comms | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon literacy training was made available to the DtFT Champions to enable better integration across both programmes. | | |
| Procure a carbon accounting framework and toolkit to support decision making | Capital Programme Manager | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initially scoped out with Atkins but halted to avoid duplication when OCC invited to take part in Future Highways Research Group on a carbon accounting methodology linked to highways. • Full delivery will extend into 2023 | | |
| Expand Scope 3 greenhouse gas reporting (supply chain emissions) | Head of Procurement Contract Management | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new policy has been proposed and is currently progressing through the forward plan process. The policy sets out the key steps that the Council will follow to increasingly align OCC supply chain emissions with science-based targets, with a focus on engaging suppliers and working collaboratively to bring forward low-carbon options in contract delivery. • A Sustainable Supply Chain post is expected to be recruited to in Q1 23/24 to lead this work area | | |
| Expand Carbon Literacy training | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 200 staff have completed the nationally recognised Carbon Literacy Training across the Council • Bronze level accreditation as a Carbon Literate Organisation was received in April 2023. • A business case has been developed to expand to Silver accreditation and potential to offer to external organisations. • 7 members of Cabinet completed Carbon Literacy training in Q4 | | |
| Deliver ‘Oxfordshire Net Zero’ comms and behavioural change programme for residents, local businesses, and community groups | Director Strategy, Insight and Comms | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a communications strategy is due to be complete by Q1 2023-2024 for implementation in 2023-2024 | | |

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| Decarbonising our estate and operations by 2030 | | RAG |
| Deliver Carbon Management Plan (CMP) 2022-25 and the planned actions for 2023/24 (estate, fleet, highway assets and staff travel) | Director Joint Property Services/ Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of CMP in 2022/23 on track - including streetlighting investment programmes and Public Sector Decarbonisation funded projects • Investment plans submitted for fleet, high mileage users and property are now reflected in the capital pipeline and programme • Following audit recommendations, the CMP has been reviewed to set out strategic actions to reduce emissions to the levels required by the 2030 target and is included in appendix 3 | | |
| Enabling Oxfordshire's transition to net zero (linked to PAZCO) | | |
| Transport and connectivity | | RAG |
| Adopt and implement Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP), including embodied carbon policy | Director of Transport and Infrastructure | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following adoption of LTCP work to implement the policies has included progress on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans and delivery, engagement on Vision Zero and development of a strategy, development of a transport hub strategy, ongoing work to develop and deliver school streets and 20mph zones | | |
| Explore PAS2080 standard to minimise carbon emissions in infrastructure projects | Head of Place Making | A |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following identification of resource, this project (to assess, manage and minimise carbon emissions in transport infrastructure projects) is now linked to work with the Future Highways Research Group in 2023/24 | | |
| Develop Strategic Active Travel Network plan | Infrastructure Strategy Team Leader | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme to develop a County-wide cycle network with aim to link LCWIP urban areas and villages • Funding agreed | | |
| Expand Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure | Team Leader – EV Integration | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has successfully completed the Park and Charge project • The Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles (OZEV) have approached OCC with the offer of £700K to fund roll out of up to 500 EV charging gulleys to enable connections between wall-mounted chargers and kerbside vehicles. • The grant offer is in the process of being accepted and planning for delivery initiated. Delivery is expected to start in 2023/24 but will continue through to 2024/25. • £3.655m of capital together with £259k of capability funding has been allocated to Oxfordshire to continue the delivery of the Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy under the Government Local EV Infrastructure programme. | | |

| Buildings | | RAG |
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| Develop retrofit partnership and Oxfordshire retrofit strategy and pipeline | Head of Climate Action | A |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council completed delivery of phase 1 of retrofit (LAD1b) and is forecasting successful completion of delivery of the Sustainable Warmth Fund allocation. In common with the national picture for the Home Upgrade Grant 1 allocation, supply chain issues have delayed completion. Agreement has been reached with contractors and funding body for a managed closure period to extend the delivery by 2 months into 2023/24. The Council is forecasting returning a proportion of this funding. Funding will remain available to residents in Home Upgrade Grant 2 £6.4m which commences in June 2023. A series of round table events took place with key stakeholders including OXLEP and Low Carbon Hub focussing on retrofit skills and supply chain and customer journey for Q3/Q4 to support strategy development. The Council is a partner in a successful Net Zero Pathfinders bid – Futurefit One Stop Shop looking at creating an enabling environment in Oxfordshire to support transformational change in retrofit pace and outcomes. | | |
| Energy | | RAG |
| Develop local energy planning approach and support investibility of solar generation and heat pumps | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A partnership steering group has been agreed with local authority partners to progress development of an Oxfordshire Local Area Energy Planning approach in 2023/24 The Energy Insights tool created under Project LEO is due to be further developed following a funding bid to support local area energy planning as access to key spatial data is needed. A second phase of Project LEO (LEON) has been funded for feasibility under the Strategic Innovation Fund. Partners include Low Carbon Hub, SSE, the County and City Councils and Oxford University. Initial work on two Heat Networks Readiness funding bids has commenced, with progression to delivery due to commence in Q2 2023/24. | | |
| Waste and consumption (circular economy) | | RAG |
| Develop Oxfordshire circular economy strategy | Head of Environment and Circular Economy | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial investigations and baseline development underway. Due to the complexity of stakeholders involved this work has been re-profiled to continue into 2023 | | |
| Support expansion of Community Action Groups' impact, diversity and inclusion | Head of Environment and Circular Economy | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funding of £90k per year awarded to support Community Action Groups Oxfordshire, entering into a grant agreement. | | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agreement will support expansion of their current work to focus on the circular economy, nature recovery and community wealth building. | | |
| Adaptation and resilience | | RAG |
| Develop adaptation and resilience strategy | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultants have been commissioned to develop a countywide evidence base and strategy to identify the measures required to build resilience across Oxfordshire, with an initial report on current vulnerabilities completed in Q4 2023. | | |
| Natural environment | | RAG |
| Develop Nature Recovery Strategy (NRS) for Oxfordshire | Principal Biodiversity Officer | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance from DEFRA has recently been published, which had previously been an unavoidable delay to the development of the strategy. Work has also progressed through the establishment of a steering group and recruiting for a project manager. The next step will be the official appointment as responsible authority, to be discussed with DEFRA along with funding to be received in May 2023. A paper is being taken to Cabinet in May, with the expectation that the Council will be appointed as responsible authority, allowing development of the NRS to formally commence in Q2 2023/24. | | |
| Develop biodiversity net gain policy guidance | Principal Biodiversity Officer | A |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays to the publication of DEFRA guidelines has continued to delay the establishment of a policy. A local nature partnership has been created to establish biodiversity net gain principles which should help to inform the policy once guidelines have been published. | | |
| Community support and engagement | | RAG |
| Implement a climate outreach strategy to support communities and local businesses | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident facing website 'Climate Action Oxfordshire' has been developed Oxfordshire has continued to act as founder member of Oxfordshire Greentech Wider strategy development has been on hold pending recruitment into new climate action service and has therefore been re-profiled for commencement in 2023/24. | | |
| Implement schools' energy and carbon reduction support programme aiming for £400k investment in year 1 | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the launch of Action on Carbon and Energy in Schools (ACES) programme to support maintained schools to reduce energy usage, more than 40 schools have been engaged with via energy assessments, thermal imaging visits, bespoke advice and guidance on energy saving actions, webinars and how-to videos. Ongoing energy assessments and advice will continue into 2023/24 A recycling loan for schools to been added to the capital programme for launch in 2023/24 | | |

| Partnership work | | RAG |
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| Lead on producing cross-Oxfordshire net-zero route map and action plan through Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP) | Head of Climate Action | G |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan was created and presented to the FOP in Q4 of 2022/23 with recommendations on 5 priority workstreams agreed, and a workplan due to commence in Q1 2023/24 | | |