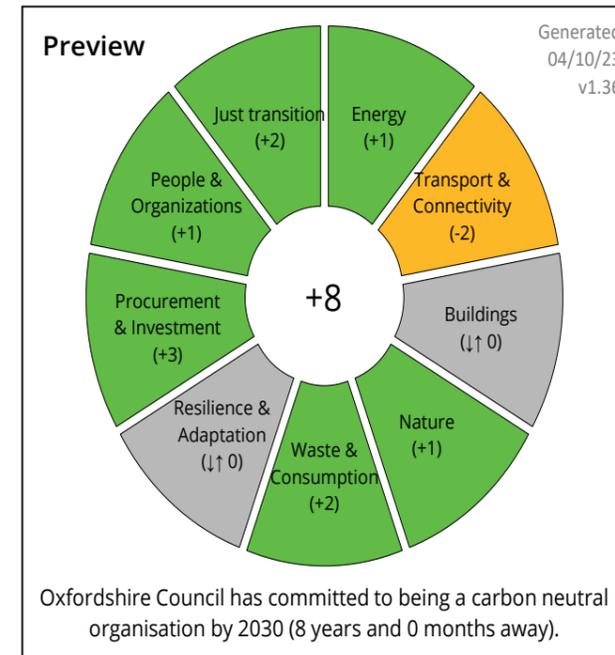


# Climate Impact Assessment

## Summary

<b>Directorate and Service Area</b>	Environment and Circular Economy, Environment and Place - Waste Management
<b>What is being assessed</b>	Key Decision for extension of the Contract for: The Management of Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire
<b>Is this a new or existing function or policy?</b>	Long term existing and statutory service to provide Household Waste Recycling Centres.
<b>Summary of assessment</b>	<p>This is for a contract extension of an existing 7 year contract to provide the management of Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire</p> <p>Primarily the service will remain the same, though officers will attempt to negotiate contract improvements where feasible to do so throughout the term of the extension.</p>
<b>Completed by</b>	Steve Burdis - Joint Acting Group Manager (Waste Management)
<b>Climate action sign off by</b>	Teresa Kirkham
<b>Director sign off by</b>	Rachel Wieman
<b>Assessment date</b>	45170



## Detail of proposal

<b>Context / Background</b>	<p>Current long standing contract initial contract period ends on the 30th September 2024. The Council intends to extend this contract by the maximum period of 3 years.</p> <p>In doing so it accepts contract and legal changes are unavoidable and will negotiate on the terms and conditions for those, these will include steps where feasible to improve current environmental and local performance.</p>
<b>Proposal</b>	<p>The principal proposal is the extension of a long standing existing contract for a further period of 3 years. The primary reasons supporting this are strong financial incentives to do so, current risks and uncertainties around service delivery and relatively good environmentally performing contract to date.</p> <p>However, further environmental performance enhancement will be sought as part of the contract extension process.</p>
<b>Evidence / Intelligence</b>	<p>The waste management team, manage and monitor this contract closely with performance data going back years, which is compared against national peers.</p> <p>We remain one of the best performing local authorities in the country for recycling and this service plays a key part in that performance. 15% of the total waste arisings managed in Oxfordshire originates through these sites and 70% of the those wastes are recycled which performs very well nationally. This very much supports our climate commitments.</p> <p>Customer satisfaction surveys show satisfaction levels &gt;90%.</p>
<b>Alternatives considered / rejected</b>	<p>We could have retendered this contract which would have opened up the opportunity to include Social Value as a key component and further enhance environmental performance. However, value for money in the current climate was also a key factor, so the recommendation is to extend but also continue to explore further environmental performance improvements where feasible and practical to do so.</p>

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	1	Increased recycling can positively increase energy savings compared to using raw materials. In addition residual not recyclable waste is sent for Energy Recovery at our in county Ardley facility.		Steve Burdis/Team and contractors	Ongoing
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy	N/A				
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership		All our HWRC's are located in areas where vehicle transportation is required. Equally many items delivered are bulky and could not be transported by other means.	We actively promote alternative routes through our Waste Wizard App, we also permit Bicycles with trailers, hire vehicles and taxi's as alternatives to private car ownership.	Rachel Burns/Steve Burdis	Ongoing
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	-1	Nearly all sites are located away from primary public transport routes. Equally many materials delivered to these sites, would not be suitable for public transport examples a bed, wardrobe or 3 piece suite.			
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	N/A				
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	N/A				
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A				
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	1	A number of our sites now have wild flower beds on site			
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A				
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	N/A				
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	1	Around 2-3% of all wastes received at our sites are reused. Albeit at present reused out of county.	Aim is to improve reuse and have more within the County will be looked at with contract extension.	Steve Burdis/Rachel Burns	Ongoing but part of extension negotiations
Waste & Consumption	Supports waste prevention and drive reuse and recycling	N/A				
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to flooding	N/A				
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience to other extreme weather events (e.g., storms, cold snaps, heatwaves, droughts)	N/A				
Resilience & Adaptation	Increases resilience of council services, communities, energy systems, transport infrastructure and/or supply chains	N/A				

Procurement & Investment	Procurement practices prioritise low-carbon options, circular economy and sustainability		1	Recyclign and reuse is high and relates directly to the Circular Economy. Officers work with contractors to improve this.	Steve Burdis	Ongoing & addressed further on next procurement
Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero		1	Any negotiations linked to the contract extension will aim to improve already high environmental performance through the sites supporting climate action.	Steve Burdis	Ongoing & addressed in any negotiations
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency		1	The sites offer multiple opportunities for residents to recycle or reuse both mainstream and niche items. Officers will continue to explore other options to make further environmental improvements during the term of the contract extension.	Steve Burdis	Ongoing
People & Organizations	Drives organizational and systemic change to address the climate and ecological emergency	N/A		Not within the organisation other than most employees are also residents and therefore potential site users		
Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation		1	Sites employ local people and have links with the probabtion service for community service all connected with promoting recycling. The sites offer recycling for niche items, and officers always looking to add to this, specialist colelction points for Vapes are planned later this year as an example.	Steve Burdis/Co ntractors/ Waste Team	Ongoing
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing	N/A				
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality		1	This achieved through reuse and resale of items brought to site. However, regrettably at present much of this occurs out of county.	Officers will continue to explore opportunities for a more integrated in county solution on reuse. Steve Burdis/Rachel Burns	Ongoing