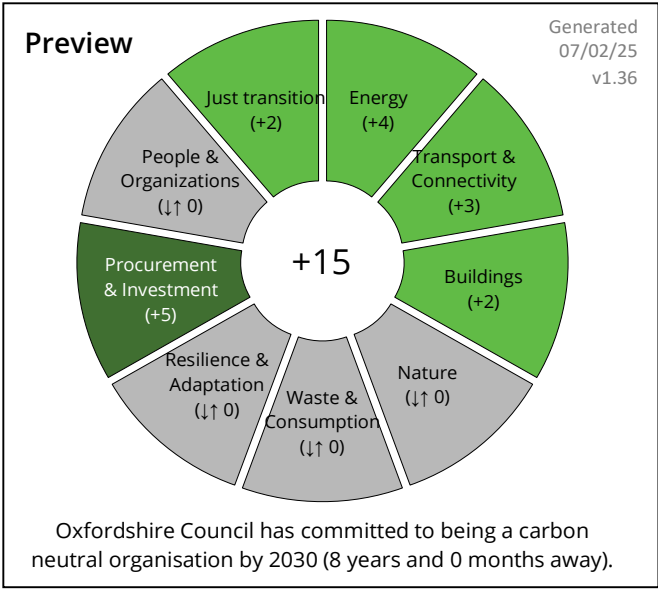


# Climate Impact Assessment

## Summary

Directorate and Service Area	Environment and Highways
What is being assessed	Re-tender of the Civil Enforcement Contracts
Is this a new or existing function or policy?	Existing
Summary of assessment	<p>The project involves the retendering of Oxfordshire County Council's current enforcement contracts for Civil Enforcement. This is an existing function that aims to continue the enforcement of parking regulations and other related duties.</p> <p>Re-tendering the contracts doesn't have an impact on nature, waste, resilience or organisations. However it has a positive impact on energy, transport and connectivity, building,</p>
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## Detail of proposal

<b>Context / Background</b>	<p>Oxfordshire County Council first took on the powers of parking enforcement in Oxford City in 1997. The Council has continued to offer Civil Enforcement since. In October 2020 the Cabinet agreed to pursue an application to DfT to take on powers covering Cherwell, Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire districts. Enforcement of these districts went live in November 2021.</p> <p>As part of our duty under the legislation we have to have Civil Enforcement Officers and Technology such as</p>
<b>Proposal</b>	<p>The outcome of optional appraisal has identified the appointment of an enhanced contracted model with multiple providers to cover all the elements of Civil Enforcement and the ZEZ. It also highlighted that the Council should consider finding its own building to house the enforcement operation rather than pay for a lease through a tendered enforcement contract. The outcome also identified clear separation of elements to be included in the procurement process. To procure specialist contractors for Civil Enforcement, Back-office processing software, ZEZ software and ANPR cameras.</p> <p>It is recommended that this enhanced model is endorsed by Cabinet and for them to give permission for officers to develop the finer details and relevant documentation (specification, contract terms, and pricing schedules) required for procurement of this enhanced model. Cabinet will be asked to approve the specification and details of procurement in July prior to procurement commencing.</p>
<b>Evidence / Intelligence</b>	<p>An options appraisal assessment was undertaken. Officers instructed an independent consultant (Parking Matters) to give an overview of the options available to the authority in terms of enforcement and recommend options for the way forward.</p> <p>At the same time officers undertook their own engagement and research. A member's workshop was held on 19th December and the main feedback from this workshop was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Not enough enforcement on the ground (several areas of concern were expressed such as Cowley Road and enforcement in the Market Towns).</li> <li>•Innovations – smarter enforcement, red routes and the ability for the contract to adapt to changes in legislation for instance pavement parking.</li> <li>•Members wanted more information on and control of performance and deployment.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternatives considered / rejected</b>	<p>We considered not enforcing, but we have a legal obligation to do so and no enforcement would be detrimental to managing the transport network and have negative impacts on all transport network users, and the climate.</p> <p>We considered bringing the operation fully in-house, but this has been rejected to be more costly and us not being able to take advantage of improvements in technology as the software used is very specialist to the enforcement industry.</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	2	By allowing things to be more technology based and getting new more energy efficient premises this offers the opportunity to be significantly better from an energy efficiency point of view.	Procure / set out in specification for energy efficient hardware and building for operational base.	Supplier / OCC property team	On-going for lifetime of contract.
Energy	Promotes a switch to low-carbon or renewable energy		2	The specification will allow future		
Energy	Promotes resilient, local, smart energy systems	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Reduces need to travel and/or the need for private car ownership	N/A				
Transport & Connectivity	Supports active travel	1	By having larger premises this will allow storage of more bicycles and e-bikes for operational purposes this can reduce the need for additional vehicles.		Supplier / OCC property team	Prior to commencement of new arrangements
Transport & Connectivity	Increases use of public transport	1	By having a central oxford base gives the maximum opportunity for staff to travel to base on public transport.		Supplier / OCC property team	Prior to commencement of new arrangements
Transport & Connectivity	Accelerates electrification of transport	2	The specification will set out that all vehicles used in the operation (mopeds and cars / vans will need to be electric).	The operational base will need to have electrical charging points for the vehicles that can be sued for overnight (and other time) charging.	Specificati on authors	Prior to going out to market.
Buildings	Promotes net zero new builds and developments	1	Promotes net zero standards for new operational base.		Property Team	Produce and secured through the specification documentation.
Buildings	Accelerates retrofitting of existing buildings	N/A				
Nature	Protects, restores or enhances biodiversity, landscape and ecosystems	N/A				
Nature	Develops blue and green infrastructure	N/A				
Nature	Improves access to nature and green spaces	N/A				
Waste & Consumption	Reduces overall consumption	N/A				
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	Specification will set out that low carbon operations will be sought out (including as mentioned above the purchase of electric vehicle fleet)	Use technology and low carbon equipment alliable on the market.	Specificati on author and contractor	prior to commencement of new arrangement, and within annual monitoring

Procurement & Investment	Investment being considered supports climate action/ is consistent with path to net zero		<p>The specification will allow future proofing to allow us to enforce more than we are currently doing . This would include enforcing an expanded ZEZ and introduction of red routes.</p> <p>The expanded ZEZ, with enforcement, will reduce the number of higher emissions vehicles in the centre of Oxford. Red routes on highly trafficked arterial routes will improve bus journey times and remove obstacles from cyclists, which in turn should make these modes more attractive (and safer), reducing the number of journeys undertaken in motor vehicles.</p>	Ensure the specification allows for these uses both from a specification point of view but also allows headroom in the contract value to deliver these.	Specificati on author and tender evaluators	prior to commencement of new arrangement, and within annual monitoring
People & Organizations	Drives behavioural change to address the climate and ecological emergency	N/A				
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Just transition	Promotes green innovation and job creation	N/A				
Just transition	Promotes health and wellbeing		<p>The specification will allow future proofing to allow us to enforce more than we are currently doing . This would include enforcing an expanded ZEZ and introduction of red routes.</p> <p>The expanded ZEZ, with enforcement, will reduce the number of higher emissions vehicles in the centre of Oxford. Red routes on highly trafficked arterial routes will improve bus journey times and remove obstacles from cyclist, which in turn should make these modes more attractive (and safer), reducing the number of journeys undertaken in motor vehicles.</p>	Ensure the specification allows for these uses both from a specification point of view but also allows headroom in the contract value to deliver these.	Specificati on author and tender evaluators	prior to commencement of new arrangement, and within annual monitoring
Just transition	Reduces poverty and inequality	N/A				