

### 3. Strong and Active Communities Socially cohesive and safe communities

#### Oxford City Council Corporate Plan Priorities 2016-2020

**Tackle inequality** through improved prosperity and by targeting resources to those who need most support.

**Provide high quality community and leisure facilities** and seek to increase participation in regular physical activity to improve people's health and quality of life.

**Improve opportunities for young people** to engage in positive activities and develop the skills and ambition to achieve to the best of their abilities.

**Celebrate diversity and support our different communities** by understanding their needs, supporting voluntary and community groups and delivering high quality cultural events and activities.

**Promote safe neighbourhoods and tackle anti-social behaviour** through education and early engagement with problems, backed by enforcement action if required.

**Safeguard and support vulnerable people** including improving quality of life for older people and protecting children, families and adults at risk of exploitation or crime.

#### Key Achievements for 2016

Invested £800K to refurbish Cutteslowe Park Lower Pavillion to support women's and young people's participation in football.

Horspath Athletics and Sports Ground reopened after a £180K track refurbishment.

Secured £142K from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the first phase of the Museum of Oxford's redevelopment.

Increased the number of participants in the Youth Ambition Programme

2015/16 – 6060

2016/17 – 6640

And increased girl's participation significantly.

2015/16 - 25%

2016/17 – 47%

Attracted over 170,000 people to our cultural events, including the Christmas Light Festival, Common People, Dancin' Oxford, May Morning, St Giles' Fair and the Lord Mayor's Carol Concert.

Barton Park selected as a NHS Healthy New Town, securing £120K of which £30K was for small community projects to address social isolation and food poverty.

Investigated over 2,500 cases of anti-social behaviour and undertook 1,600 enforcement actions to tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental offences

Supported 10 Syrian families through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and worked with voluntary and faith groups to improve our services to refugees, including increasing access to English Language courses.

Established Health Partnerships, with the Primary Care Trust and health organisations, to address poor health and improve access to health services in key areas.

Assisted council tenants to reduce their energy bills through tariff changes, access to government programmes, and improved energy efficiency.

Improved our safeguarding practice for children and vulnerable adults through implementing a robust and mandatory training programme for staff and councillors, improved our taxi-licensing and launched 'Hotel Watch'.

There are large numbers of people who volunteer in the city to enable community projects to flourish and to help the council achieve its policies

of community cohesion and involvement. We campaigned with partners to encourage volunteering and as a result an additional 150 people have signing up as volunteers.

#### Areas of focus 2017 - 2020

Implement the Museum of Oxford Development Plan and submit a second round funding bid to develop the museum.

Invest £3.6m improving community centres and £5m improving parks, open spaces and athletics facilities over the next four years.

Invest £4.9m in the development of Horspath Sports Village.

Work in partnership with Fusion to further increase participation rates and improve customer satisfaction with our leisure facilities.

Improve services for refugees and asylum seekers and work to foster community cohesion in the city.

Continue our £1.4m grants programme to support the voluntary and community sector deliver services.

Ensure that the Barton Healthy New Town meets the agreed targets for the local community's health and well-being priorities.

| Success Measures   | 2016/2017 Targets   | 2016/2017 Projected Outcomes |
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| Resident satisfaction with their area as a place to live         | 81%                 | Achieved                     |
| The number of people taking part in our Youth Ambition Programme | 5,500               | Achieved                     |
| Number of people using leisure centres                           | 1.40 million visits | Achieved                     |

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