

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 2017

Attracted over 140,000 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.

Supported 21 Syrian families through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme and won funding to support community cohesion work and 'English as a Second Language' courses.

Delivered a new £1.2 million Community Sports Pavilion at Quarry Recreation Ground and a £272,000 resurfaced tennis courts at Florence Park with court lighting

Secured match funding of £50,000 from WREN and invested this in improvements to South Oxford Community Centre.

Established Museum of Oxford Charitable Development Trust to raise funds to triple in size, installing state of the art interactive displays and create a "peoples museum" for the city.

Attracted around 75,000 people to the nationally accredited *Explore Oxford* galleries; worked with over 100 volunteers to deliver the Museum of Oxford's heritage and outreach programmes which engage around 2,500 people.

Ran education and awareness activities in Blackbird Leys, and supported organisations to deliver a number of public events including Leys Festival and the Mela held at Rose Hill.

1,200 anti-social behaviour and environmental cases resolved by the Community Response Team and Antisocial behaviour Investigation Team. Cases ranged from litter and fly-tipping to neighbour disputes and protection of vulnerable people.

Secured further NHS funding of £92,000 to develop preventative activities targeted at highest users of GP services as part of Barton Healthy New Town Project.

Renewed the Council's Financial Inclusion Strategy providing a structured programme to tackle debt, fuel poverty, and help residents at

risk of financial exclusion to gain skills and increase their income.

Developed our new Springboard Money and Springboard Digital services to help residents manage the migration to the government's new benefit, Universal Credit.

Agreed a new three year programme of support for advice organisations in the city, and increased their funding by £20,000 annually.

Together with 'Feeding The Gaps' and 'Good Food Oxford' created a map and database of services providing free or subsidised food within Oxford.

Areas of Focus 2018 – 2020

With partners complete the £4.9 million refurbishment of Horspath Sports Park to provide new football, cricket and softball pitches, practice areas, a pavilion and changing rooms

Implement a new strategy for children and young people.

Invest £100,000 to be match funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group to tackle health inequalities in the City.

Continue the modernisation of our community centres and enhance our community offering.

Offer three year funding through the

| Success Measures | 2017/2018 Targets | 2017/2018 Projected Outcomes |
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| Resident satisfaction with their area as a place to live | >81% | Achieved 84% of residents satisfied with their area |
| The number of people taking part in our Youth Ambition programme | 5,700 | On track to achieve over 6,000 |
| Number of people using leisure centres | 1.45 Million | Not achieved due to competition from other leisure providers. New objective to increase participation from target groups. |

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grants programme in response to feedback from the charitable sector.

Continue to increase income from the Town Hall

Deliver the next phase of the Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

Work with our community safety partners to tackle the city's priorities including abuse, exploitation, anti-social behaviour and violent crime. Address safeguarding challenges through our Licensing Authority responsibilities.

With partners deliver a successful community cohesion project and English as a second language courses to improve integration of recent migrants to the city. Apply for a further two years of funding.