

## 4. A Clean Green Oxford

An attractive and clean city that minimises its environmental impact by cutting carbon, waste and pollution

### Corporate Plan Priorities 2016-2020

**Save energy and reduce carbon emissions** through energy saving and renewable energy schemes that bring down energy bills, tackle fuel poverty and reduce the city's carbon footprint.

**Tackle congestion and pollution** that frustrates growth and damages peoples' health through a better public transport offer, our low emission zone and by promoting safe cycling and walking routes.

**Improve the cleanliness of our streets, neighbourhoods and open spaces** so that Oxford is an attractive, clean and safe place which residents, visitors and those who work in the city enjoy.

**Reduce the total amount of waste** and increase the proportion of the waste stream that is recycled providing excellent recycling services and facilities across the city and working with partners to promote recycling.

**Protect the city from extreme weather events** and flooding by working with partners to invest in effective flood defences

### Key Achievements in 2017

Retained all 6 Green Flag awards for our parks, which recognise the best green spaces in the country.

Won the 'Association of Public Service Excellence Award' for the best Streetscene Team and best Recycling Team of the Year.

Further increased recycling from 47.5% in 2016 to 51.41% in 2017.

Completed the Northway and Marston Flood Alleviation Scheme, reducing the flood risk to 110 homes.

Continued work on the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme, with the Environment Agency, to reduce the flood risk to over 1,200 homes.

With the County Council completed a feasibility study and public consultation on introducing a Zero Emission Zone.

Won £370,000 funding to deliver electric taxi charging infrastructure in the city.

Reduced City Council carbon emissions by 5% by, for example, installing our largest solar PV system at Cowley Marsh Depot. We now produce 9.8% of our electricity from our Solar PV system.

Won £100,000 of matched funding from central government giving us a total fund for carbon reduction of £800,000.

Our partners in the LEAP project installed 275 small energy efficiency repairs, saving vulnerable residents £3,712 on their energy bills. Estimated income generated for these residents is £33,000.

Helped households at risk from fuel poverty by installing over 600 energy

efficiency measures by leveraging in financial support.

With partners launched a telephone help line to help vulnerable residents with high energy bills to make energy saving improvements to their home.

Levered in £35,000 for private rented sector energy efficiency improvements resulting in 356 energy efficiency improvements in 56 homes.

Completed the £14 million OxFutures 1 programme which delivered investment into community owned renewable energy projects across Oxfordshire.

Launched the new £3.2 million OxFutures programme to develop a low carbon and energy efficient economy and to increase access to lower cost, sustainable, local energy.

### Priorities for 2018 – 2020

Construct the Recycling Transfer Station at Redbridge.

Support the Environment Agency in the next stage of the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Develop plans to tackle air pollution through work on the Zero Emission Zone proposals and joint campaigning with Friends of the Earth and Oxford schools.

Success Measures	2017/2018 Targets	2017/2018 Projected Outcome
Amount of non-recyclable waste produced in the city per households decreases each year	423kg	Achieved
Satisfaction with our street cleaning services	76%	66% Satisfaction rate. In response, the street cleaning services have been reorganised and extended hours implemented.
Implementation of measures to reduce City Council's carbon	5%	Achieved

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Promote the uptake of low emission vehicles through the delivery of EV on- street charging and EV taxi charging infrastructure.

Seek to secure environmental gains through the iTree project and publish Sustainable Urban Drainage design guidance.

Further explore innovation renewable energy eg. local energy production, battery storage and grid balancing projects, solar carports, and renewables/waste led heat networks.

Increase referrals to our one-stop telephone help line 'Better Housing Better Health' to advise householders and help vulnerable people to heat their homes to a healthy level.

Continued improvement in the ecological management and biodiversity of the city's parks and open spaces.

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