

3. Strong and Active Communities

Socially cohesive and safe communities

Corporate Plan Priorities 2016-2020

Tackle inequalities 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 health and the quality of life.

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

Celebrate diversity and work with our different communities, understanding their needs, supporting voluntary and community groups and delivering popular 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 in 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 refugee families through the National Resettlement Scheme and won funding to support our community cohesion programme and 'English as a Second Language' courses.

Opened the new £1.2 million Quarry Community Sports Pavilion and the resurfaced tennis courts at Florence Park with court lighting

Secured match funding of £50,000 from WREN for major improvements to facilities at South Oxford Community Centre.

Established the Museum of Oxford Charitable Development Trust to raise funds for the redevelopment project that will create a "people's 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.

Supported community development in Blackbird Leys including public events such as 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 support the move to 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 database of services providing free or subsidised food in the city.

Priorities for 2018 – 2020

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 the 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.

Plan for the modernisation of East Oxford and Bullingdon community centres and extend the services offered in all centres.

Commission a new three year grants programme .

Increase the range of users and income from the Town Hall.

Deliver the next phase of the Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

Success Measures	2017/2018 Targets	2017/2018 Projected Outcomes
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. Competition from other leisure providers has increased markedly.

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Work through the Community Safety Partnership to tackle priorities such as racial abuse, exploitation, anti-social behaviour, drug use and violent crime.

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