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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 2018

Launched our Children & Young People's Strategy in November 2018 and worked with partners to set up a pilot Community Impact Zone in East Oxford to target support for troubled families and children in an area of deprivation.

Completed the £1 million redevelopment of Barton Neighbourhood Centre into a health and community hub that hosts a range of support services for the health needs of residents.

Developed plans with the local community for the redevelopment of Bullingdon Community Centre.

Increased use of Council-managed community centres by 11%. Broadened provision in community centres, for example with partners launched the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit at Rose Hill Community Centre.

Creation of our 'Springboard' service, which supports new Universal Credit applicants with claims and budgeting.

Supported 30 Syrian refugee families through the Government-funded Resettlement programmes.

Supported over 40 refugees and migrants to improve their English language skills, and facilitated the volunteering of more than 700 hours to their local community, improving cohesion and integration.

Launched 'MyConcern' as a new way to record and monitor safeguarding concerns, identify gaps in knowledge and strengthen our good practice.

Our Sports and Physical Activity Team achieved excellent in the QUEST UK Quality scheme for Active Communities. Also received national award of 'Highest Achieving Active Communities Team' in Quest (the UK quality standard for sport and leisure).

Our Youth Ambition Team achieved accreditation from the National Youth Agency.

Won two awards for the Adaptations service and the Handyperson Service and nominated for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Heroes award.

Increased the number of people who attended our cultural events, with May Morning, St Giles Fair, Christmas Lights and Dancin' Oxford reaching over 200,000. Raised over £220,000 to support culture and events in the city.

A further [£1.67 million] was raised from the public towards the ongoing Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

Launched the Public Spaces Drugs Taskforce in partnership with Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire County Council and Turning Point, to address drug dealing and misuse in the city.

2,500 antisocial behaviour and environmental cases investigated by the Community Response Team and Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team. Cases ranged from environmental crimes, noise problems and neighbour disputes.

Areas of Focus 2019 – 2020

Open a new £4.9m Sports Park on Horspath Road to feature floodlit 3G football pitches, grass football pitches, cricket and softball pitches, practice areas, a pavilion and changing rooms.

Help shape and support the launch and delivery of GoodGym Oxford which organises jogging activities and links them with volunteering opportunities to help support

Success Measures	2018/2019 Targets	2018/2019 Projected Outcomes
Resident satisfaction with their area as a place to live	81%	On track
The number of people taking part in our Youth Ambition programme	5,700	On track
Increase leisure centre participation in target groups	3% increase	On track

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communities and older people in particular.

Review of the provision and maintenance of Council-managed community centres and continue the modernisation of other community centres, focusing on increasing usage and satisfaction levels.

Continue to deliver the Community Impact Zone initiative in East Oxford to make a difference to children and young people under 21.

Deliver a safe and clean public realm through engagement and enforcement activities and deal with the challenges of drug markets in the city through the Drugs Taskforce.

Continue to build on 'Investor in Volunteers' accreditation and maximise the quality and relevance of our support to the community and voluntary sector.

Start engagement on a Vibrant, Active Oxford Strategy to further enhance our active population, engaging with communities to develop a five year action plan.

Raise funds to continue our community cohesion and integration work until 2020.

Conclude and evaluate our £734k Building Better Opportunities project that aims to engage entrenched NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

Work with partners on the development of County Wide Strategies including the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Older People's Strategy to meet the needs of residents in the city.