

## 4. A Clean Green Oxford

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

### Oxford City Council 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 cycling and walking.

**Improve 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 2018

Secured £1.7 million for the first fully electric buses in Oxford, £200,000 to purchase electric delivery vehicles and install charging points for Covered Market traders, and almost £500,000 to trial the world's first 'pop up' electric vehicle (EV) charging points. All which will support a future Zero Emission Zone.

Provisionally secured over £10 million of funding support for the Environment Agency's planned Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme including in-kind contribution of land towards the overall scheme.

Reduced City Council carbon emissions by 5%. We are now generating the equivalent of 10% of

our annual electricity requirement from renewables saving more than £100,000 a year.

Improved the energy performance of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) in the private rented sector, with over 272 properties checked, and 90 improvements made to meet the minimum energy standards. Energy advice provided to 2,600 tenants.

Continued to improve homes for Council tenants above national standards, with improved loft insulation, installation of new efficient storage heaters in 64 homes, and gas central heating to flats in Southfield Park.

Installed home improvements funded by the Winter Warmth Grant and Gas Safe that helped 61 homes occupied by elderly people to keep warm.

Planning permission received for a Recycling Transfer Station at Redbridge and now moving into the design stage for the facility.

In partnership with Friends of the Earth and Oxford schools our Schools Tackling Oxford's Air Pollution (STOP) project won a National Air Quality Award as the best communications initiative.

In response to an increase in graffiti for example on Meadow Lane and the Thames footpath, staff numbers were increased and extensive graffiti in these and other areas removed. Also set up an anti-graffiti project resulting in community street art activities.

### Priorities for 2019 – 2020

Detailed work in partnership with the County Council on implementation plans for the Zero Emissions Zone 2020 and further public consultation on the final proposals.

Continue to promote the uptake of low emission vehicles through the delivery of EV on-street charging and EV taxi charging infrastructure, and through the second Oxford EV summit.

Continue to improve homes for tenants through a programme of energy efficiency and refurbishment work, provision of energy advice and information to residents, and regeneration of our estates.

Develop a multi-agency approach to enforcing new legalisation prohibiting landlords from renting out poor energy-rated properties.

Success Measures	2018/2019 Targets	2018/2019 Projected Outcome
Amount of non-recyclable waste produced in the city per households decreases each year	419kg	Above target at 350kg
Satisfaction with our street cleaning services	77%	No new target data available for this financial year
Implementation of measures to reduce City Council's carbon footprint by 5% each year	5%	Achieved

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Take forward energy efficiency work to ensure all commercial leased properties achieve compliance to the minimum energy efficiency standard concentrating on heating and insulation.

Continue to lobby government for necessary powers and resources to make local action on climate change easier and involve Oxford's citizens in drawing up further Council responses to the climate emergency.

Work with partners to develop longer term carbon targets for the city, and consult on an Oxford City Council Sustainability Strategy which will help set a course to a cleaner, ultra-low carbon future for the city.

Continue to work with the Environment Agency to deliver the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Develop innovative renewable energy projects for example local energy production, battery energy projects and support distributed energy across Oxford.

Develop a programme to encourage a reduction in the use of single-use plastics within the Council among our suppliers.

Invest £250,000 for new cycle infrastructure, to be part of matched funding with other Public bodies.

Invest £24,000 for the installation and operation of drinking fountains in three parks.

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