

Oxford City Council Climate and Environment Panel Scoping Template

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Topic	Energy Generation / Solar Potential on Council Buildings
Chair / lead member	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth (Chair, Climate and Environment Panel)
Other Standing Panel Members	Cllr Paula Dunne, Cllr Emily Kerr, Cllr Katherine Miles
Background and rationale	<p>The Climate and Environment Panel selected a number of Scrutiny-commissioned items to consider during the 2023/24 municipal year – one of which related to energy generation/solar potential on Council buildings.</p> <p>The Council’s net zero ambitions are set out in the Council Strategy 2020-24 and the Council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions and becoming a Zero Carbon Council by 2030. The Council’s 4th Carbon Management Plan for 2021/22 to 2029/30 outlines how the Council aims to achieve this.</p> <p>As per the Council’s 4th Carbon Management Plan for 2021/22 to 2029/30 (all data from 2019/20), the majority of the Council’s emissions originate from buildings (73%). The Council’s biggest underlying emissions sources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Centres – 44.2% • Main Offices and Depots – 13.5% • Sheltered Housing Blocks – 12.4% • Temporary Accommodation – 9.0% <p>The Council’s biggest underlying emissions sources by site are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leys Pools & Leisure Centre • Hinksey Outdoor Pool • Oxford Ice Rink • Ferry Leisure Centre • Oxford Town Hall <p>Electricity emissions account for 30% of the Council’s total emissions and the 4th Carbon Management Plan 2021/22 to 2029/30 sets out the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing renewable energy generation • Purchase of electricity from renewable sources • Reduce electricity demand • Staff carbon awareness and action <p>Gas combustion emissions account for 43% of the Council’s total emissions and the 4th Carbon Management Plan 2021/11 to</p>

	<p>2029/30 sets out the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decarbonising heating systems • Reducing heat demand/improved energy efficiency • Better controls • Explore opportunities for new, innovative technologies • Staff carbon awareness and action
Purpose / Objective	<p>To review progress in delivering the actions set out in the Council's 4th Carbon Management Plan for 2021/22 to 2029/30 in relation to Council buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What progress has been made? • Have there been any particular challenges in delivering the actions; how have these been overcome? • Is there any best practice that the Council could utilise? • Is the Council on track to become net zero by 2030? • Can the Council go further/faster? • What are the priority areas for next year, the year after etc.?
Out of scope	Scope three emissions
Witnesses/ Experts	<p>Cllr Anna Railton, Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy David Oldham, Energy & Carbon Manager Juliet Nicholas, Energy & Sustainability Manager (Corporate Property)</p>
Specify Evidence Sources for Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford City Council 4th Carbon Management Plan 2021/22 to 2029/30 • Greenhouse Gas Emissions reports 2014-15 to 2020-21 • Reporting on progress towards action plan for 4th Carbon Management Plan 2021/22 to 2029/30
Panel meeting	1 meeting – date tbc