

Appendix 3 - Examples of County Council partnership activity for Climate Action

The county council has a long track record of success in partnership working around 3 pillars of climate action, set out as follows:

- **Zero Carbon,**
- **Resilience**
- **Renewal**

Zero Carbon		
Project	Aim	OCC involvement
Community Action Group	To help communities realise their own ambitions on sustainability issues and opportunities in the local areas.	OCC established the network in 2001 and has consistently funded the core functions of the support services. CAG launched as a Community Interest Company in 2019.
OxFutures1	An EU funded programme to drive renewable energy projects.	Partner in Oxfutures1
Project LEO	To put Oxfordshire at the forefront of the low carbon transition with a smart, clean local energy system.	Partner
Zero Carbon Oxford	Cross sector partnership enabling a zero carbon Oxford by 2040.	Steering Group Member
Clean Growth Sub-Group of LEP	The Clean Growth sub-group is concerned with developing the clean growth sector, economic growth using clean technology and promoting sustainable development. It has been formed to help delivery of the Oxfordshire Energy Strategy and the Oxfordshire Local Industrial Strategy.	Board Member
Oxfordshire Greentech	Business network supporting the growth of the low-carbon sector in Oxfordshire.	Local Authority Innovation Partner
One Planet Oxfordshire	This project brings together the local authorities with a wide range of organisations, businesses, schools and community groups to collaboratively create a shared vision for a better, more sustainable future for the county.	Partner

Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (2050)	Draft Plan Vision (currently out to consultation): “Our Local Transport Plan Vision is for a net-zero Oxfordshire transport system that enables the county to thrive as one of the world’s leading innovation economies, whilst supporting clean growth, protecting our rich and varied natural and historic environment and being better for health and wellbeing, social inclusivity and education. Our plan sets out to achieve this by reducing the need to travel, securing high quality gigabit connectivity, and by discouraging unnecessary individual private vehicle use through making active travel, public and shared transport the natural first choice.”	Lead
Connecting Oxfordshire	A range of projects and activity to support this such as developing the Oxfordshire EV Charging Strategy, rolling out EV charge points and developing an active travel hub.	Lead
Oxfordshire Resources and Waste Strategy 2018-2023	Oxfordshire recycles 58% of all household waste, one of the highest rates in the country.	Lead
Cabinet Advisory Group on Climate Action	Oversees development of the Council's response to the Climate Emergency – includes Voice of Oxfordshire's Youth representatives and Community Action Group rep.	Lead
Reducing the impact of our own estate to be carbon neutral by 2030	Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing policy to reduce the impact of our supply chain and more widely to accelerate the development of a low carbon economy in Oxfordshire. • Reducing our energy demand through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetlighting replacement • Property retrofit • Transferring to electric vehicles and agile working • Promoting active travel • Supporting schools to reduce emissions 	Lead
Climate Action Framework	Committed to work towards halving emissions by 2030 and zero carbon by 2050.	Lead
Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum	Statutory Advisory Body administered by OCC that brings landowners, users and other interests together to advise on improving access to Oxfordshire countryside and public rights of way. Produces guidance for communities and helps OCC deliver its access functions.	Lead
Oxford Zero Emission Zone	Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council are proposing to create a zero-emission zone (ZEZ) pilot in Oxford city centre. Oversight is through a joint City/ County Council member lead steering group. It is anticipated to start in August 2021. The ZEZ will be implemented through a road user charging scheme, with the aim of creating a cleaner, safer and higher quality Oxford City Centre.	Partnership

Connecting Oxford	Is a joint Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council project, with oversight through a joint City/ County Council member lead steering group. It focuses on the transformation of how people travel to and within Oxford, as part of OCC's plan to create a less congested, less polluted city and wider county, tackling issues that occur with the both the commute and during the day, in particularly the city's eastern arc.	Partnership
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Resilience		
Project	Aim	OCC involvement
Evenlode Catchment Partnership:	ECP shortly to agree to be one of three Thames Water Smarter Water Catchments delivering multiple environmental benefits	Chair in role of LLFA
Surface Water Management programme	Partnership with TW, Vale and CDC Vale to deliver £3m of improvements in surface water flooding issues.	Lead as LLFA
Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme	One of the largest environmental partnership schemes in the county's history, led jointly with the EA with LEP funding, to alleviate flooding in Oxford.	Partnership
Use of Satellite Data to inform landfill and waste monitoring	Do determine if free to use satellite data can be used to monitor change in landfill and waste disposal schemes	Initiator
Waste Recycling, Reuse and Composting	As the Oxfordshire Waste Disposal Authority, we are members of the Oxfordshire Resources & Waste Partnership. All constituent authorities are signed up to the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy & Action Plan and jointly fund the Waste Partnership Manager; achieving 59% recycling rates and 97% diversion of waste from landfill.	Lead role as Waste Disposal Authority

Renewal		
Project	Aim	OCC involvement
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Work with and support Chilterns and Cotswolds Conservation Boards and North Wessex Downs AONB Council of Partners to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and increase the understanding and enjoyment of Oxfordshire's designated, exceptional landscapes.	Partnership / Co-funder
Natural Capital and Ecosystem Service Map of Oxfordshire	Nationally pioneering work that has underpinned development of natural capital and ecosystem service map for Oxfordshire, the OxCam Arc and is informing OP2050.	Partnership with the University of Oxford

Oxfordshire Participatory Tree Mapping Project	To develop a natural capital-based map of tree planting potential.	Partnership / co-funder
OxCam Local Natural Capital Plan – Pilot	A pilot natural capital programme for the OxCam Arc to underpin spatial strategy.	Partnership
National Trails	Long standing OCC hosting of Thames Path and Ridgeway national trails.	Partnership
Sustrans	To deliver access improvements on strategic routes	Partnership
HS2 Woodland Fund	Involved on the Independent Panel overseeing the distribution of £5m of funding via HS2 to support new woodland creation and restoration of ancient woodland in HS2 corridor.	Partnership Advisor
Local Wildlife Sites	To oversee the Local Wildlife Sites programme that is run by TVERC and the local wildlife trust.	Partnership
Biodiversity Advisory Group	Provide an oversight on biodiversity action, policy and planning in the county. Has been highly influential e.g. in overseeing Conservation Target Areas and more recently the emerging Nature Recovery Network.	Partnership
OxCam Local Nature Partnership	OCC represent Oxon LA interests on an informal partnership of LNPs and others to inform the development of strategic nature conservation opportunities in the OxCam Arc.	Partnership
Cotswold Voluntary Wardens	Informal partnership that provides volunteer support to Centenary Wood and other OCC sites in West Oxon.	Partnership
Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment	Long-term partnership that supports wide range of access and environmental projects in county. Cllr Constance on TOE board.	Partnership
Access path volunteers	Various partnerships with volunteer groups to monitor and maintain rights of way across county, to support core work.	Partnership