




Appendix 2 – Performance Report

September 2020

Includes:

- Programme Measures
- Key Performance Measures (KPIs)

Key to symbols

Colour	Symbol	Meaning for Joint Business Plan Measures	Meaning for Joint Key Performance Measures (KPIs)
Red		Significantly behind schedule	Worse than target by more than 10%.
Amber		Slightly behind schedule	Worse than target by up to 10%.
Green		Delivering to plan / Ahead of target	Delivering to target or ahead of it.

Housing that meets your needs - KPIs

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Measure	Portfolio Holder	Director/Lead Officer	Result	Target	Status	Commentary	YTD Result	YTD Target	YTD
BP1.2.01 Number of Homeless Households living in Temporary Accommodation	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	27.00	35.00	★	The number of clients placed into temporary accommodation reduced due to the work of the Housing Team to move on clients accommodated during the pandemic as quickly as possible. Since March lockdown, advice and accommodation has been provided to all rough sleepers; over 40 people placed have also been offered move-on accommodation. We have given priority to homeless households, where appropriate, to secure settled accommodation via the Housing Register or Private Rented homes through the Cherwell Bond Scheme. Some people, 8 currently, are still reported as rough sleeping in Cherwell and the Outreach Team with the Housing Options Team are verifying individual circumstances, offering assessment and support to make suitable offers of accommodation.	44.17	35.00	▲
BP1.2.02 Number of people helped to live independently through use of DFG & other grants/loans	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	48.00	45.00	★	We have provided help to 48 households this month; 12 by means of major adaptations and 36 by means of smaller works.	228.00	270.00	▲
BP1.2.03 Homes improved through enforcement action	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	9.00	9.00	★	Our interventions have resulted in 9 homes being improved through completed works this month, one of which involved energy- efficiency standards.	52.00	54.00	●
BP1.2.04 Number of affordable homes delivered including CDC and Growth Deal targets	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	46.00	25.00	★	A total of 46 affordable homes were completed in September 2020, of which 25 were Affordable Rented and 21 Shared Ownership tenure; included in the total are 14 Oxfordshire Growth Deal units.	133.00	150.00	▲
BP1.2.05 Number of Housing Standards interventions	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	49.00	55.00	▲	Although our ability to carry out visits in response to service requests from tenants and other parties is increasing, our ability to carry out proactive and unannounced visits to properties is still significantly restricted by COVID-19 which is limiting the number of enforcement interventions we can deliver. The situation is expected to improve if COVID-19 restrictions ease.	301.00	330.00	●
BP1.2.06 Average time taken to process Housing Benefit New Claims	Cllr T Ilott	Belinda Green Claire Taylor	10.46	15.00	★	The average time taken to assess new claims during September was 10.46 days against a local target of 15 days and the national picture of 20 days. This is a big improvement on August's figures of 13 days.	13.76	15.00	★
BP1.2.07 Average time taken to process Housing Benefit change events	Cllr T Ilott	Belinda Green Claire Taylor	4.75	8.00	★	The average time taken to assess change events in September is 4.75 days. This is against a local target of 8 days and continues to be a strong consistent level of performance.	4.33	8.00	★

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BP1.2.08 % of Major planning applications determined to National Indicator	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	67%	60%	★	6 Major Planning Applications were determined during September 2020, 4 of them within National Indicator target or agreed timeframe.	92%	60%	★
BP1.2.09% of Non-Major planning applications determined to National Indicator	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	84%	70%	★	94 Non-Major Planning Applications were determined during September 2020, 79 of them within National Indicator target or agreed timeframe.	84%	70%	★
BP1.2.10 % of Major applications overturned at appeal	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	0.00%	10.00%	★	No Major Planning Application Appeals were overturned by the Planning Inspectorate during September 2020, therefore the % is 0.	0.25%	10.00%	★
BP1.2.11 % of Non-Major applications overturned at appeal	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	1.06%	10.00%	★	1 Non-Major Planning Application Appeal was overturned by the Planning Inspectorate during September 2020, therefore the % applications of this type overturned at appeal this month, set against the number of applications of this type determined is just over 1%.	1.06%	10.00%	★
BP1.2.12 Maintain 5 Year Land Supply	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	4.40	5.00	▲	The 2019 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) reports a dip below 5 years (to 4.4 years). However, confirmed housing delivery in 2019/20 (1,159) was higher than our annualised plan requirement (1,142) and the Government has provided the Oxfordshire authorities with a 3 year flexibility while the Oxfordshire Plan is produced.	4.40	5.00	▲
BP1.2.13 Net Additional Housing Completions (Quarterly)	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	190	285	▲	Provisional quarterly net housing completions (Q2) are 190 (figures are verified at year end). Year to date figure (Q1 & Q2) is 408. Delivery is lower than required due to the national working & economic conditions Housing projections are being reviewed for the December Annual Monitoring Report.	408	570	▲

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BP1.1.1 Homelessness Prevention	Cllr J Donaldson	Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler	An Application for funding Next Steps Accommodation Programme has been submitted to MHCLG. The outcome will determine what additional options can be secured as a response to COVID-19 emergency. Plans submitted include delivering more support to assist move-on, from hotel and other emergency placements, to enable clients to secure settled housing, as well as, trying to provide additional units of affordable settled accommodation in our area for single clients who have experienced homelessness. The further delay in resuming court eviction proceedings allows time for the Housing Team to engage with those under notice in order to resolve issues with their tenancies and prevent homelessness once the courts do resume.	Funding of £120k via MHCLG Next Steps Planning has been secured to support move on from COVID-19 emergency accommodation. With this funding 8 further units of 'Housing First' will be secured to provide long term accommodation to clients. A dedicated post will also be funded to secure more accommodation in the private rented sector. Caseloads continue to be dominated by single clients. Work is ongoing to ensure families, potentially at risk of homelessness once courts resume eviction processes, are provided with advice and information to prevent eviction wherever possible.	★	The COVID-19 emergency has changed working practices and presentations seen by the Housing Options Team. More single people have approached the council in crisis, which has required a shift in the way we respond to emergency situations rather than upstream work to prevent homelessness. 85 clients have been assisted since the March lockdown started and the Government required local housing authorities to accommodate rough sleepers. Many clients have been helped to secure move-on accommodation and the number of single clients in emergency accommodation has now reduced to 8 placements. The team has continued to provide advice and prevent homelessness wherever possible and the number of households with children approaching the council remains low. The stay on evictions until 21st September has helped with this.	★

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<p>BP1.1.2 Impact of Universal Credit on residents and Council</p>	<p>Cllr T Ilott</p>	<p>Belinda Green Claire Taylor</p>	<p>During September we have continued to work with partners in the DWP UC team to support residents as much as possible. This includes supporting with online applications and ensuring that the customer also claims CTRS if appropriate.</p>	<p>A meeting is planned during October with the DWP UC partnership Manager to discuss any emerging issues and any possible changes in legislation.</p>	<p>★</p>	<p>We continue to work proactively to support our residents who are on Universal Credit.</p>	<p>★</p>
<p>BP1.1.3 Deliver Innovative and Effective Housing Schemes</p>	<p>Cllr J Donaldson</p>	<p>Gillian Douglas Stephen Chandler</p>	<p>'Hope Close' completions achieved in September. Handover of Admiral Holland of 14 units achieved 24th September. 7 rented houses let by the end of September. 'Bullmarsh Close' scheme started on site 28th September.</p>	<p>Admiral Holland marketing of 7 one-bedroom flats and 1 three-bedroom house starts in early October.</p>	<p>●</p>	<p>Admiral Holland shared ownership units will be put on the Help to Buy website from 1st October. We already had significant interest in the 3-bedroom house and expect it to increase once units are advertised. All rented units are now occupied on this site with over 50 people expressing interest in each of the 7 homes.</p>	<p>●</p>
<p>BP1.1.4 Deliver the Local Plan</p>	<p>Cllr C Clarke</p>	<p>David Peckford Paul Feehily</p>	<p>The Partial Review of the Local Plan was adopted on 7 September 2020 and published following adoption. Completion of formal consultation on issues for the district-wide Local Plan Review on 14 September 2020</p>	<p>Preparatory work for the next stage of the district wide Local Plan Review (Options stage) Oxfordshire Plan consultation on spatial options (date to be confirmed by the central plan team)</p>	<p>★</p>	<p>Local Plan Partial Review was adopted on 7 September 2020. The issues consultation for a separate, district-wide review of the Local Plan ended on 14 September. Officers continue to provide input into the Oxfordshire Plan process. Officers are considering the implications of the Government's proposed changes to the planning system.</p>	<p>★</p>

Leading on environmental sustainability - KPIs

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Measure	Portfolio Holder	Director/Lead Officer	Result	Target	Status	Commentary	YTD Result	YTD Target	YTD
BP2.2.1 % Waste Recycled & Composted	CLlr D Sames	Ed Potter Jason Russell	58.13%	56.00%	★	<p>Recycling rate slightly up compared to last year.</p> <p>1971 tonnes of Recycling collected in the first six months compared to last year.</p> <p>1699 tonnes of Residual waste collected in first six months compared to last year.</p> <p>This is a 13.4% increase in waste and recycling collected. In a normal year we would expect to collect less than 1% extra in 12 months.</p>	58.59%	56.00%	★
BP2.2.2 Reduction of fuel consumption used by fleet	CLlr D Sames	Ed Potter Jason Russell	39,878	32,627	▲	<p>Tonnages are higher than last year, with more vehicles being used than last year. Extra round due to growth in the district. More commercial and bulky waste customers than last year meaning more income for the Council, but also more fuel usage.</p>	37,684	35,607	●

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BP2.1.1 Delivery of a High Quality Waste & Collection Service to all Properties	Cllr D Sames	Ed Potter Jason Russell	Bulky waste collections managing to meet the high demand	Consideration of possible future changes delivering higher recycling rates being researched	★	Services still managed to meet the demands of higher tonnages following more home working.	★
BP2.1.2 Ensure Clean & Tidy Streets	Cllr D Sames	Ed Potter Jason Russell	The CDC September clean up initiative proved to be a success and was supported by several outside groups and parish councils.	The CDC Street Cleansing will be working together with OCC Highways thereby utilizing their traffic management in order to litter pick the A41 on the 11th October 2020.	★	Preparation for the demands of leaf fall over the next few months underway. The Street Cleansing department are working normally with no problems or issues to report.	★
BP2.1.3 Reduce Environmental Crime	Cllr D Sames	Jason Russell Richard Webb	Interviews under caution can restart at Bodicote House; there is a risk assessment in place for this and the interview room is COVID-19 compliant. 51 fly tips were investigated and a further case is going to court.	The Environmental Enforcement Team will continue to work with businesses and advise them how to dispose of their waste legally. Restarting interviews under caution should result in more enforcement action.	★	Environmental Enforcement operations are now fully restored.	★
BP2.1.4 Protect Our Natural Environment and Promote Environmental Sustainability	Cllr A McHugh	Jason Russell Richard Webb	Discussions have taken place with other service areas and OCC on the options for applying for an air quality grant from the Department for Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).	The options for an air quality grant application will be reviewed and if a scheme is considered to be feasible an application will be submitted by the deadline of 14 October.	★	Air quality monitoring continues at 42 locations across the district.	★
BP2.1.5 Protect the Built Heritage	Cllr C Clarke	David Peckford Paul Feehily	Work on Conservation Area Appraisals has Continued. Draft reports have been prepared for those completed. Conservation advice continues to be provided for Development Management decision making.	Finalisation and submission of lead member reports for completed Conservation Area Appraisals (pending)	●	Work continues on Conservation Area Appraisals (Bloxham and Grimsbury) A number of officer reports on completed Conservation Area Appraisals require finalisation Heritage advice continues to be provided to inform Development Management decision making	●
BP2.1.6 Develop the Country Parks to support good lifestyle choices	Cllr D Sames	Ed Potter Jason Russell	Land issues now largely addressed so that planning for the new parks developments can proceed.	Preparation for the installation of the footpath network.	★	Plans for both parks (Banbury Country Park and Bicester Country Park) proceeding, now that issues with land ownership have been addressed	★

An enterprising economy with strong & vibrant local centres - KPIs

CDC An enterprising economy with strong & vibrant local centres -KPI Report

Measure	Portfolio Holder	Director/Lead Officer	Result	Target	Status	Commentary	YTD Result	YTD Target	YTD
BP3.2.1 % Council Tax collected, increase Council Tax Base	Cllr T Ilott	Belinda Green Claire Taylor	9.02%	8.50%	★	We have achieved a cumulative collection rate of 55.14% against a target of 57.00%. The shortfall equates to approx. £2m which is lower than last month's shortfall and this is due to the commencement of reminder notices. We are issuing smaller batches of reminders in accordance with guidance from the Magistrates Court and whilst the numbers issued are vastly reduced the reminders increased our in month collection by £300k. Summonses for these reminders will be issued on Thursday 7 October which will also boost in-month cash collection. We will continue to issue reminder notices to customers in arrears and will signpost customers to relevant organisations should they have been adversely affected by the pandemic.	55.14%	57.00%	●
BP3.2.2 % of Business Rates collected, increasing NNDR Base	Cllr T Ilott	Belinda Green Claire Taylor	12.34%	9.50%	★	We have achieved a collection rate of 56.44% as at end of September against a target of 58.50%. Whilst the collection rates are still slightly short of our cumulative target, the shortfall reduced from £2.4m last month to just under £1m this month. We issued summonses during September with court on Friday 9 October which has meant that the amount of income received increased by more than a £1m in September from the previous month. We will continue to monitor accounts with large overdue balances and will proactively chase debtors via email and telephone calls as well as issuing formal reminder notices, final notices and summonses to prompt payment.	56.44%	58.50%	●

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BP3.1.1 Promote the district as a visitor destination	Cllr L Pratt	Paul Feehily Robert Jolley	Reviewed impact of COVID-19 pandemic on this sector	Continue to monitor COVID-19 impact. Work with partners to promote the district as a visitor destination.	★	Hospitality venues and visitor attractions are both facing significant difficulties; these sectors were among the last to benefit from lockdown restrictions being lifted, and due to continuing social distancing regulations, visitor numbers are severely compromised. Businesses still face the challenge of winning back customer confidence. Multiple knock on effects are being felt throughout the supply chains serving the visitor economy. Officers are working closely with Experience Oxfordshire (EO) who are in turn working with VisitEngland and VisitBritain to help the local visitor economy sectors to meet the challenges involved.	★

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BP3.1.2 Develop a Cherwell Industrial Strategy	Cllr L Pratt	Paul Feehily Robert Jolley	Continued to review the Cherwell Industrial Strategy timeline and focus to ensure post COVID-19 recovery is addressed.	Restart the development of the emerging Cherwell Industrial Strategy.	★	A draft ten year economic strategy for Cherwell Industrial Strategy or CIS was planned for consultation in Summer 2020, was paused because of the need for staff engagement with the business community in response to COVID-19. The pandemic has triggered the most severe recession in nearly a century and there will be significant consequences for the Cherwell and Oxfordshire economies. The review of the CIS focus and timeline will take account of the impact of COVID-19 on the Oxfordshire and Cherwell economies. CIS links to the OxLEP Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) which is a key component of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal (Productivity workstream).	●
BP3.1.3 Support Business Enterprise, Retention, Growth and Promote Inward Investment	Cllr L Pratt	Paul Feehily Robert Jolley	Continued to support CDC's implementation of the COVID-19 Government grant schemes (Small Business Grant Fund; Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund; and Discretionary Grant Fund) to local businesses. One-to-one advice and detailed support provided to Cherwell businesses during September 2020, plus guidance on grants given to other businesses. Provided additional support to potential inward investors and property developers.	Provide information and advice to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the transition period of the UK leaving the EU. Continue to provide support to potential new business investors.	★	CDC is in close liaison with colleagues at local authorities in Oxfordshire, with OxLEP and Government departments to ensure support to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC continues to work closely with Oxfordshire County Council and partners to enhance digital infrastructure throughout the district. 98% of premises in the district are now able to access Superfast Broadband services.	★
BP3.1.4 Develop Our Town Centres	Cllr L Pratt	Paul Feehily Robert Jolley	Reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on the district's urban centres. Bicester Footfall study undertaken to monitor town centre vitality.	Continue to review the impact of COVID-19 on the district's urban centres. Await decisions from HM Government as to which projects, submitted for the Reopening High Streets Safely funding scheme, are eligible for delivery.	★	Continued support provided to Banbury BID (Business Improvement District) in the delivery of projects to support businesses. Maintained close working with officer groups and external partners to ensure continued safety on the high streets within the district. Work continues with the Bicester Town Centre Task Force to develop projects which will help mitigate the impact of the pandemic. Information, advice and guidance provided to individual businesses, throughout the district.	★

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<p>BP3.1.5 Deliver the Growth Deal</p>	<p>Cllr B Wood</p>	<p>Paul Feehily Robert Jolley</p>	<p>CDC Growth Deal Bulletin 7 issued confirming revised Infrastructure Programme and the projects to be delivered within the District.</p>	<p>Confirmation expected from Registered Providers and Developers regarding additional Affordable Housing units. These would replace existing high risks schemes in the Programme and increase overall numbers.</p>	<p>★</p>	<p>With the recent review of the Infrastructure Programme and the anticipated changes to the Affordable Housing schemes, the overall trajectory for the Growth Deal Programme deliverables is increasingly positive.</p>	<p>★</p>

Healthy, resilient and engaged communities - KPIs

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Measure	Portfolio Holder	Director / Lead Officer	Result	Target	Status	Commentary	YTD Result	YTD Target	YTD
BP4.2.1 Number of visits/usage of District Leisure Centre	Cllr G Reynolds	Ansaf Azhar Nicola Riley	53,782.00	20,000.00	★	Compared to last year the usage figures are considerably reduced due to the impact of COVID-19 with a recorded total of 53,782 across all of the Leisure Centres/Joint Use facilities. As a guide Bicester Leisure Centre is down circa 28,000, Spiceball Leisure Centre 30,000 down and Kidlington Leisure Centre down 23,000 on the same period last year. Due to COVID-19 not all facilities are available for use with the Swimming Pools at Bicester Leisure Centre currently closed.	80,581.00	60,000.00	★
BP4.2.2 High risk food businesses inspected	Cllr A McHugh	Jason Russell Richard Webb	-	100.00%		The Food Inspection plan was suspended by the Food Standards Agency from April. Inspections will be recommencing but we are waiting on the details of what we will be required to do in respect of those premises that we would have inspected in the first half of the year and what the expectation is with those that remain for the rest of the reporting period (now until end of March 2021).	-	100.00%	

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BP4.1.1 Support Community Safety and Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour	Cllr A McHugh	Richard Webb Rob MacDougall	During September the Community Safety Team continued to delivery core community safety work in the District including- Engaging with School Children before and after School, offering support encouragement and advice. Supporting Operation Stronghold week. Visiting licensed premises to monitor COVID-19 related restrictions. Assisting the Police in locating a vulnerable 15 year old child who had gone missing from a School. The recommencement of joint Patrols with Thames Valley Police on the Public Spaces Protection Order in Bicester.	In October we are planning- Patrols around Bretch Hill to gather information for the Intensive Engagement Project in that area. A week of action relating to scrap metal and environmental crime. Continuing the enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order in Banbury.	★	Last month included the Police led Operation Stronghold week, seeking to disrupt organised crime, Cherwell officers supported this week through late night operations around the NightTime Economy. Community Safety and Licensing team members carried out evening visits to licensed premises to monitor compliance with COVID-19 control measures and guidance. The Community Safety Team assisting the Police to locate a vulnerable 15 year old child who had gone missing from a school. Once of the team members was locate a vulnerable 15 year old child who had gone missing from a school. Once of the team members was the member of the search party that located the child. Also, in September multi-agency joint tasking meetings recommenced with on-line meetings replacing the previous physical meetings.	★

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BP4.1.2 Promote Health & Wellbeing	Cllr A McHugh Cllr C Clarke	Ansaf Azhar Nicola Riley	7 community Organisations currently being assisted with community infrastructure schemes. Launch of 'Love to Ride' initiative delayed to January 2021 to enable joint CDC/OCC participation.	COVID-19 Winter Preparedness - Set up support mechanisms for individuals & families required to self-isolate. Prepare community support contingencies for the possible re-introduction of shielding.	★	£3.3 million of developer contributions has been ringfenced for community Infrastructure schemes delivered through parishes and community organisations. The Community Infrastructure Officer is currently assisting projects in Adderbury, Arcott, Ambrosden Bloxham, Hook Norton, Horley and Launton	★
BP4.1.3 Improve Leisure & Community Facilities	Cllr G Reynolds	Ansaf Azhar Nicola Riley	As part of the last milestone it was noted that works had commenced in relation to the feasibility studies for Leisure provision within the District linked to the Active Communities Strategy. Consultation has commenced with some stakeholders and two workshops were held in September with the Consultants supporting on the project and Council Officers.	As identified at the last milestone, the next milestone will pick up the 3rd of the 3 workshops as part of the initial feasibility studies.	★	In addition to the progress being made to the Leisure Feasibility Studies, we are about to launch an online booking platform for hiring out of the Joint Use Leisure Facilities at Cooper School and North Oxfordshire Academy with a provisional 'go live' date of Monday 12th October.	★

<p>BP4.1.4 Support the Voluntary Sector</p>	<p>Cllr A McHugh</p>	<p>Ansaf Azhar Nicola Riley</p>	<p>'Community Hubs Emergency Relief Grant' launched with budget of £70k. £15k of funding awarded by 30 September. Virtual online voluntary organisations forum working in partnership with OCVA was delivered 7th - 11th September. North Banbury network meeting 24th September. Cherwell virtual volunteer fairs delivered in Sept in partnership with Citizens Advice Support given to all Cherwell community centre's with new guidance to reopen Brighter Futures community notice board installed in Bretch Hill to Promote opportunities & Events.</p>	<p>Launch Cherwell Lottery Good Cause Community Grant. Hold the quarterly (virtual) meeting of the Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership. International Older Persons celebration information pop up events - 1st & 2nd October Launch of Age Friendly Banbury pledge for groups and businesses - 1st October Connect - Digital initiative to support older residents with technology, Banbury pilot launch Oct Cherwell Community link autumn edition to be circulated in October.</p>	<p>★</p>	<p>The Good Cause Community grant provides funding (up to £1k) to local groups signed up as Cherwell Lottery partners, to help them expand or improve their activities.</p> <p>Connect – A new pilot initiative for Banbury to support older residents with technology and help connect them to opportunities, family and their community. This is a partnership initiative working with AgeUK Oxfordshire, The Royal Voluntary Service and Citizens Advice. The initiative will allow residents to book an appointment with a volunteer to address any issues and launches in October.</p> <p>North Banbury network is the formal name given to the Ruscote and Neithrop partners working to build stronger communities in Brighter Future wards. The network has an action plan that has been created from consultation with local residents to address key issues.</p> <p>International Older Persons celebration pop up events will take place in Banbury on the 1 of October and Bicester & Kidlington on the 2 of October. Information / goody bags will be given out to older residents to prepare them for winter with themes that include health & wellbeing, community safety and staying safe during the pandemic.</p>	<p>★</p>
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BP4.1.5 Enhanced Community Resilience	Cllr A McHugh	Richard Webb Rob MacDougall	The focus in September continued to be on COVID-19 related matters. In particular the council is working with partners on a new role in local contact tracing. There is on-going liaison with partners relating to EU Exit preparations.	Planning for a potential EU Exit without a 'deal' will escalate in October in order to ensure readiness for January.	★	The council continues to monitor the situation in relation to EU Exit preparations in order to identify local implications. In conjunction with partners, planning arrangements for the end of the transition period with escalate in October. To support the local contact tracing system arrangements are being established to ensure anyone asked to self-isolate by local contact tracers is signposted to support services they may require.	★
BP4.1.6 Support and Safeguard Vulnerable People	Cllr A McHugh	Ansaf Azhar Rosie Rowe	We continue to assess new claims and change events in a timely way so ensuring that our more vulnerable residents are receiving the correct support. We are also assessing claims as quickly as possible for Discretionary Housing Payments and help for Council Tax via the COVID-19 Hardship Fund.	During October we will continue to support our more vulnerable residents by assessing claims for support in a timely way. The team are also preparing to make the Test and Trace payments for those who are on qualifying benefits.	★	All delivering to plan	★
BP4.1.7 Promote Healthy Place Making	Cllr A McHugh	Ansaf Azhar Rosie Rowe	Two community evaluators for Kidlington recruited - advertising again for a further two. Training plan for community evaluators finalised Communications campaign underway to promote active travel to children returning to school First online MECC training delivered. Survey of volunteers who volunteered during lockdown completely.	Delivery of "Make Every Contact Count" (MECC) training to community groups involved in Active Reach programme in Banbury. Delivery of 3 further Dr Bike sessions in Banbury Launch of school StreetTag competition. Finalise Health Impact Assessment Toolkit Launch heritage trail leaflet in Kidlington and surrounding villages.	★	Active Reach is a project being led by CDC's Sports and Leisure Team which aims to encourage residents in Grimsbury to be physically active. The Health Impact Assessment toolkit will be available for use in Cherwell but has been developed by a countywide group for the Growth Board. Following the success of StreetTag in Cherwell, funding has been secured to launch it across Oxfordshire and to promote a competition between schools to promote active travel to school.	★