

Corporate Strategy Action Tracker

Green	On target
Amber	Off target but action being taken to ensure delivery (where this results in a reviewed target date, this is made clear in the table)
Red	Off target and no action has yet been agreed to resolve the situation
Complete	Action completed
Not	The action/project has either a future start
Scheduled	date or is still in its early stages, with no
to Start	start date established yet.

	Our Focus	Actions	Quarter 2 Update	Start Date Date Due	Status	Executive Member	Link Officer	Updates Provided by
Putting Residents First	The Council will listen and act in the best interests of residents by: -Being an outward facing, accessible, inclusive and open Council, improving our use of technology to increase understanding and access to what we do, how we work and the decisions we take -Providing easy to use platforms for public consultations that are effective, accessible and timely so that the voice of residents can be heard in planning and other Council decisions	Explore how the Council leads Youth Engagement, ensuring youth are engaged across the wide range of activity it undertakes.	HM updating on 'Actively seeking the voice of the seldom heard inc. young people': the youth development officer started in post on 23rd Sept and will be making contact with key internal colleagues to consider how best they might engage with young people		On Target	Rachel Crouch	Emmy-Lou Bossard / Heather McCulloch	Heather McCulloch
	-Positively engaging with and listening to locally elected representatives on Town and Parish Councils -Actively seeking the voice of the seldom heard, including those of young people, to understand their particular needs and ensure that the Council is taking decisions that meet these needs.	Customer Experience Improvement Programme	The arrangement for telephones to remain open 9 - 2 was agreed by Executive in June. Online services available for customers continues to increase with the uptake for our customers exceeding expectation. Open portal applications continue to rise so that our customers can self serve.	01/07/2020 01/01/2024	On Target	All	Giles Hughes	Michelle Clifford

1.2	The Council will act with outstanding levels of transparency and accountability, with high standards of governance and trustworthiness.	Proposal to implement a robust system and process for: > the allocation of matters to the councils' forward plans > report preparation, consultation and approval > transparency and publication of decision making; and > decision tracking.	The review of the Enforcement process that is due to launch shortly and arises from work undertaken thriough the Development Management Improvement Plan has introduced 10 feedback points to ensure Members, Complainant, contravener and town and parish councils are kept up to date with the progress of an investigation and timeframes moving forwards	01/05/2021	31/12/2023	On Target	Andy Graham	Giles Hughes	Andrew Brown
Putting Residents, Young and Old, at the Heart of What We Do	The Council will actively manage Council budgets, delivering good levels of service through the wise and efficient use of funds available as well as enabling those budgets to grow so that the Council can take action towards the priorities of this Council Plan.	Procurement: Publica-wide project to embed climate, ecological and social value considerations in procurement processes to maximise the use of sustainable suppliers and support local businesses.				Ongoing	Alaric Smith	Ciaran O'Kane / Phil Martin	Ciaran O'Kane
1.4	The Council will seek to attract inward investment in our towns, villages and rural areas so that they can flourish and be sustained with new jobs and housing and infrastructure that are designed to meet the needs and aspirations of our current and future residents.								
		Adopt and implement CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).	Public consultation on draft charging schedule took place from Friday 2 August - Friday 27 September (8 weeks). The consultation responses are currently being summarised and analysed with a view to submission for examination in late October/early November.	01/11/2019	31/08/2024	On Target	Hugo Ashton	Giles Hughes / Charlie Jackson / Chris Hargraves	Chris Hargraves
		Commission (Sport England) Strategic Outcomes Planning Model (SOPM) through Max Associates to inform a West Oxfordshire Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Strategy which will define a more holistic leisure provision offer (inc. arts, culture, entertainment and sport). The SOPM will also inform the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (and Local Plan Review) and Town Centre regeneration plans.	Final report on forward plan for November Executive	01/09/2023	20/11/2024	On Target	Tim Sumner	Rachel Biles	Rachel Biles

2.1	Enabling a Good Quality of Life for All	Ensure the timely provision of built and green infrastructure which meets the needs of existing and incoming residents and that supports health and care to enable physical and mental wellbeing, community cohesion and delivers a high quality of life.	Explore opportunities for green investment for strategic development areas eg through the Carterton Masterplan and also through the Pan-Regional Partnership.	Further exploration necessary, have discussed with Pan- Regional Partnership and opportunities to connect Oxfordshire better through the Ox/Cam Arc already developing through East/West rail links. Will pick up opportunities to develop green investment in terms of infrastruture with Carterton Town Partnership.	01/01/2023	31/08/2025	On Target	Tim Sumner, Andrew Prosser	Sam Stronach	Sam Stronach
			Explore how the Local Plan can address the issue of securing long term maintenance of green infrastructure on large SDAs.	Local Plan process paused to enable reflection upon the changes likely to arise as a result of the Governments putative changes to the NPPF and the Housing requirements for the District. NPPF changes are now likely delayed from late this year to early next year as a result of the volumes of responses received by Government	31/08/2022	31/08/2025	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Chris Hargraves	Chris Hargraves
			Consideration of community stewardship and maintenance of Strategic Development Areas – how do we enable this?	See above ref short delay to the Local Plan process	31/08/2022	31/08/2025	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Chris Hargraves	Chris Hargraves
2.2		Work with Oxfordshire County Council and others to increase the opportunity for residents to travel around and beyond the District on foot or by bike, or on public transport, to reduce car dependence and benefit from the health and economic benefits of doing so.		Fed into the Oxfordshire Greenways project. Carterton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LWCIP) due to commence.			On Target	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			Strategic Housing Project: Internal management and modelling – proposals to be presented to Executive in paper compiled by Publica Assistant Director Planning and Sustainability to November Executive.	Completed	01/04/2023	15/11/2023	Complete	Geoff Saul	Giles Hughes	
			Strategic Housing Project: Assessing scope for investment and modelling.	Additionality secured by negotiations with RP partners is currently working well; 52 additional social rented units delivered to date. Further opportunities to grow partnerships and investment models are being progressed.	01/04/2023		On Target	Alaric Smith, Geoff Saul	Giles Hughes	Michael David
			Strategic Housing Project: Overview of modelling options and delivery. Proposed approach to the November Executive.	Completed	01/04/2023	15/11/2023	Complete	Tim Sumner, Geoff Saul	Giles Hughes	

		Explore the scope for alternative means of	Further exploration of the best route to be more interventionist in housing delivery via direct provision – clarity needed over the desired objectives of establishing the council owned housing company or pursue an alternative route eg via a Joint Venture (OxPlace/Oxfordshire wide).	Following early exploration, the Initial View is that Partnership working for specific projects is a preferred route. (An example may include a Joint project or JV with Ox Place). This is preferred to creating an overacrching, dedicated company or legal structure. This will be kept under review and discussed across the organisation in accordance with the desired corporate & political objectives.	01/04/2023		On Target	Geoff Saul	Giles Hughes	Michael David
2.3		delivering the range of homes in the District that meet the diverse needs of our communities, such as investment in tenures and sizes of homes that the market does not currently deliver enough of.	Development of business cases for existing Council owned sites – initial focus should be on Woodford Way – a housing scheme which integrates carparking (what is needed/tie in with EVPC). Key landowners/development partners.	Early Scoping of Car capacity has begun and the potential to re-locate car users to Marriotts Walk Car park and other locations within Witney. Further development of the business case and delivery model will follow.	01/04/2023		On Target	Geoff Saul	Andrew Turner	Michael David
			Further exploration of modular building – how, where and with whom including visits manufacturers. To understand options for delivery.	Modular housing comapnies have been identified and explored, however suitable sites and delivery models have not yet been identified within the district.	01/04/2023		On Target	Geoff Saul	Giles Hughes	Michael David
			Emergency accommodation — Acquisition of - consider the balance — single/couple and family accommodation).	Discussions with Oxford City are progressing well. During the last meeting WODC officers suggested that Oxford City should lead on either Acquiring or leasing Knights Court from us. Next steps to be determined via internal liaison and partnership working with Oxford City & Ox Place.			On Target	Geoff Saul	Jon Dearing	Michael David
			Completion of housing development at Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton.	Exchange took place on 23rd August 2024. Developers working to secure funding in order to complete, expected by next qtr. Delivery plan also being drawn up as contractors are prepare to mobilise.	01/10/2021	31/07/2023	Off Target but Mitigation in Place	Geoff Saul	Andrew Turner	Andrew Turner
	The Council will be a hive of activity to help build and support thriving towns and villages that		Deliver the Local Authority Housing Fund as a means to relieve pressures on short term accommodation and bridging hotels with a longer term of objective to see the housing being used for more general affordable purposes.	New government has confirmed the continuation of this scheme and approved the four additional units as part of phase 3 bringing the total to 27 units	01/04/2023	31/09/2024	On Target	Geoff Saul	Jon Dearing	Jon Dearing
	provide residents with a high quality of life by supporting a vibrant local economy, homes and infrastructure that meet people's needs, excellent health and wellbeing and		Work with Carterton Town Council and other relevant stakeholders to identify economic regeneration priorities for the town and immediate area following completion of the UKSPF funded Carterton Strategic/Master Plan.	Further consideration being given as to how this is most appropriately taken forward by the Director of Place in discussion with Members.			Not Scheduled to Start	Duncan Enright	Chris Hargraves	

	opportunity for all. Work with partners to support a vibrant loca		Draft strategy currently developed and the draft brief for the Expression of interest being designed for the management and operation of the Charter Markets in Chipping Norton and Witney and potentially another for additional markets at Marriotts.			On Target	Duncan Enright	Emma Philips	
2.4	economy which gives residents the opportunit to prosper and fulfil their ambitions through secure jobs and exciting careers, entrepreneurship and developing new skills to	Take an active role as member of Cotswolds Plus Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP)	Climate team are advising on the green leaf scheme and webpages.			On Target	Duncan Enright	Chris Jackson	Chris Jackson
	participate in and contribute to the local economy.	Set future project priorities for Council and Stakeholders to secure the long term viability of our Market Towns via enhancements inc wayfinding & signage, public realm and support for independent retailers and appropriate market promotions/attractions.	Review of Charter Markets in Witney and Chipping Norton has just been completed with a great response to consultation. Looking to tie this work in with Marriotts Walk market events also. This work will also look to support smaller retailers and start-ups also. Looking to improve wayfinding and signage in towns also on track with new infromation boards going into Chipping Norton Town Centre.	01/12/2022	31/05/2025	On Target	Duncan Enright	Sam Stronach	Sam Stronach
		Oxfordshire County Council improvements to Witney Town Centre linked to Marriots Walk redevelopment where appropriate.	Currently in consulation phase for Witney High Street Enhancements work. Officers from RD Team, Planning and Cliamte Aciton all coordinating comments with our respoective Executive Members.			On Target	Duncan Enright	Sam Stronach	Sam Stronach
		The commissioning of the Strategic Outcomes Planning Model (through Max Associates) to inform the development of a West Oxfordshire Leisure, Health and Wellbeing Strategy.				Not Scheduled to Start			
2.5	Support the retention of existing and development of new services and facilities that contribute to the local economy, community	Guide the future delivery of Salt Cross new garden village and associated infrastructure to enable delivery of Salt Cross Science Park.	The AAP Inquiry was scheduled to be re convened to re look at the Net Zero policy in December. There may be a short delay whilst some legal issues are resolved but officers are seeking to keep matters moving forward due to the importance of the delivery at Salt Cross to the overall housing land supply position. The A40 improvement funding position is similarly not yet resolved and Officrs are working with colleagues at OCC to seek to clarify the position	01/01/2018	31/12/2034	Off Target but Mitigation in Place	Duncan Enright	Andrea Clenton	Andrea Clenton
	wellbeing and cohesion.	Marriotts Walk – implementation of CBRE recommendations inc. securing new tenants, public realm improvements & making enhanced use of the square.	Work ongoing with CBRE to manage void units in a challenging market. Unit 6 remodelling progressing well, in preparation for new tenants.			On Target	Duncan Enright	Jasmine McWilliams	Andrew Turner

			Development of the Carterton Strategic/Master Plan to regeneration the town and in doing so redressing balance between housing development with investment in the town centre, leisure and culture facilities, community space and business opportunities. Will seek to determine the best way to maximise the economic benefit of the RAF's largest airbase for the town and immediate area.	Carterton Town Council are now reviewing the document and we are looking to workshop next steps in interpreting how we can tease out a plan for the town that engages with residents and speaks to the business community in order to pull together what is needed to develop a more robust, workable action plan. Engaging with RAF in order to ascertain opportunities for growth and engagement.	01/02/2022	31/05/2025	On Target	Alaric Smith, Hugo Ashton, Geoff Saul, Tim Sumner	Sam Stronach	Sam Stronach
			Ubico Grounds Maintenance Contract – review contract with aim of securing both biodiversity enhancements and budgetary savings.		01/03/2025	01/03/2026	Not Scheduled to Start	Lidia Arciszewska	Bill Oddy	
	Creating a Better		Biodiversity Land Management Plans - Working with Ubico to change land management processes across key WODC sites, for example reduced mowing frequency, creation of urban meadows, changes to floodplain meadow management, invasive species action, subsidence works, to improve them for both wildlife and people.	Land management plans still under review with surveying scheduled for next year. Grounds maintenance review still underway. Exploring opportunities for shared grounds maintainence.	01/02/2022	01/03/2026	On Target	Lidia Arciszewska	Bill Oddy	Hannah Kenyon
3.1	Environment for	Work with others, and fulfil our statutory obligations, to ensure that land, air and water support biodiverse habitats, reduce pollution	Support DEFRA funded Landscape Recovery Project (continguous with the Evenlode and Windrush Catchments) in partnership with the North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster and the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership.	Further consideration being given to these matters as part of the scoping of the next stages of the Local Plan.			Not Scheduled to Start	Lidia Arciszewska	Chris Hargraves	
		and bring about nature recovery to the District, putting it at the forefront of local decision making.	Windrush in Witney funding bid, in partnership with Wychwood Forest Trust - Landscapescale enhancements across the Witney Floodplains, working with OCC, WTC and Wychwood Forest Trust to introduce grazing, improve floral diversity, pollard willow trees, establishment of a new volunteer group and delivery of a series of community engagement/rural skills training events. Linked to 3.5.	Wychwood Forest Trust SLA update due, including timescales for bid submisison.	01/05/2022	01/03/2025	Off Target but Mitigation in Place	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			Coronation Community Orchard Scheme	Applications remain open as still grant funding remaining. Engaging with stakeholders to encourage applications.	01/11/2023	21/03/2025	On Target	Andrew Prosser/Lidia Arciszewska	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon

2	Recognise and support the vital role of farming in natural ecosystem conservation, local food production and economic resilience, and the role that environmentally sustainable farming can play in achieving this.	Engaging with farmers as part of a wider consideration of the District's rural economy. How can WODC work to support(within its powers) a strong local rural economy, including diversification and the visitor economy.	Met with the representatives of the North East Cotswold Farmer Cluster to discuss nature-based carbon sequestration and opportunities for collaboration. Exploring potential investment in farmer-led woodland planting schemes for carbon sequestration.			Not Scheduled to Start	Lidia Arciszewska, Andrew Prosser	Chris Jackson / Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
3	Help people to connect with nature by improving understanding of and public access to green spaces and the countryside.	Deer Park South Access Project – Infrastructure improvements to enhance public access to woodland adjacent to strategic development area.	Land management review and access to Deer Park Wood underway.	01/12/2022	31/05/2025	On Target	Duncan Enright	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
The Council will be a progressive custodian of our environmental resources, supporting a	Be an active participant in the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership and contribute to the production of the Local Nature Recovery	Officer group to convene with Local Nature Partnership - maintain relationship with LNP and work with partners to develop workstreams.	Contributed to the draft LNRS documents for public consultation, which is scheduled for November. Briefed Members on the LNRS.	01/07/2022	01/07/2025	On Target	Lidia Arciszewska, Duncan Enright	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
healthy natural landscape and functioning ecosystem which is rich in wildlife and habitats that are enjoyed by and benefit all.	Strategy to establish priorities and map proposals for action to drive nature's recovery, achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and provide wider environmental benefits specific to West Oxfordshire.	Explore the potential for the Council to acquire land for Biodiversity Net Gain and nature-based carbon sequestration.	Some existing sites have been considered for BNG potential.	8/12/2024	31/03/2026	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Frank Wilson / Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
	Work with others to facilitate environmentally	Support of the Catchment Partnerships including the promotion (where appropriate) of other water quality campaigning groups. Sewerage and Water Agency Group continue to facilitate (Links with the Pan Regional Partnership – Scoping and Modelling Work).	Windrush Catchment Partnership funded through Wild Oxfordshire SLA. Partnership is in the process of establishing good governance.			On Target	Lidia Arciszewska, Andy Graham	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
5	sensitive flood management of our river catchments.	how can the site allocations process through	EA spheres of influence project now completed. Level I SFRA and Phase I Water Cycle Study now commissioned. Local Plan preferred options being drafted including a strategic policy option on integrated water management.	01/06/2022	31/12/2024	On Target	Hugo Ashton	Chris Hargraves / Hannah Kenyon	Chris Hargraves

			Decarbonisation of council owned buildings, including leisure centres and sports pavilions – secure external PSDS funding and extend the MEES project to include the full decarbonisation of tenanted buildings.	Assessing the viability of the PSDS 3c Windrush Leisure Centre scheme so as to enter into contract with the consultant and progress the heat decarb design. PSDS 4 application being considered for Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. LCSF 5 bid was unsuccessful as selection was through a lottery.			Off Target but Mitigation in Place	Andrew Prosser, Dan Levy, Alaric Smith	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			PSDS 3b funded Carterton Leisure Centre decarbonisation - Carbon reduction through the replacement of the heating and hot water system of the building with a low-carbon alternative and increasing the amount of solar PV on site.	Project under review for next PSDS application.	31/10/22	31/03/25	Off Target	Andrew Prosser, Tim Sumner	Claire Locke	Claire Locke / Andrew Turner
	Responding to	Drive down carbon emissions from Council operations including leisure, waste and street	Waste Vehicle Strategy - Supporting the Waste team on the development of the strategy to reduce emissions from the Council's waste vehicle fleet.	Member led steering group meetings continue and paper drafted for Council decision on 3 fully electric supervisor vehicles and delegated authority for future procurement of food waste and eHGV vehicles			On Target	Lidia Arciszewska	Simon Anthony / Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
4.1	the Climate and Ecological Emergency	cleansing and running of the Council's estate, and in so doing lead by example to inspire others to take action to collectively reduce the overall carbon emissions of the District.	Carbon Action Plan to 2030 and Climate Change Strategy to 2050 - Update of the Carbon Action Plan and Climate Change strategy to include scope 3 emissions, district carbon budgets, route maps to net zero, and actions.	Establishing the carbon baseline and continung to draft the new Climate Change Stategy.	01/07/23	30/6/2024	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			Climate Impact Assessment Tool (CIAT) – Develop the tool as a mandatory requirement on projects so as to embed climate and nature considerations in council decision making.	Members have been briefed on the SIAT and top up training has been delivered to the Project Management team.	01/02/2023	01/04/2024	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			Solar PV project for tenanted buildings - A Publica-wide long-term project to install rooftop solar panels on council owned buildings, increasing the amount of renewable energy generated in the District.	PV installation to Elmfield progressing well and nearly complete. PV investment to wider estate still being reviewed to ensure investment is viable.	01/08/2022	01/12/2023	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Andrew Turner/Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon / Andrew Turner

4.2		Encourage the use of nature based solutions to sequester carbon and combat the risks arising from climate change at a river catchment scale, such as restoration of meadows and trees to reduce flooding and improve water quality.	Biodiversity Action Plan – Develop and deliver workstreams to restore nature and enhanced biodiversity in the District.	Nature recovery officers are prioritising the delivery of particular workstreams.	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
			Consider how proactive should WODC be in facilitating retrofit for the 'able to pay' market.	Scoping a countrywide retrofit strategy and will use learnings from LARA. CAPZero SLA has funded some whole building plans and the project team continues to engage with residents to accelerate retrofit. The DM team has recently secured 100k of Government funding which in part will be used to create a guide to the retrofit of existing/historic buildings.			Ongoing	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
4.3	The Council will be a community leader in	Work with partner organisations and residents to facilitate the retrofit of carbon reduction measures in homes and businesses and pursue a	Greenlight — nature and online hub to facilitate community action for a greener future.	Greenlight has been updated and a review is underway of improving outreach.			Ongoing	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
	responding to the challenges of climate change, including rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing the District and its communities for	drive to net zero carbon buildings in new developments through planning policy	Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) project for tenanted buildings - A Publica-wide review of tenanted buildings to determine what measures are needed to bring the EPC rating up to a B or above by 2030.	MEES requirements not yet confirmed by Government.	01/07/2023		On Target	Andrew Prosser	Jasmine McWilliams	Jasmine McWilliams / Andrew Turner
	the impacts of climate change to ensure a fair transition for all to a future that will be defined by climate change.		Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) - A countywide scheme to upgrade energy efficiency and low carbon heating for low-income householders in the worst performing off-gas grid homes.	A total of 15 homes in West Oxfordshire have received HUG 2 funding during Year 1 of the scheme. Year 2 has begun with an application deadline of the end of October.	01/06/2023	01/03/2025	On Target	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
4.4		Encourage renewable energy generation at appropriate sites in the District, improving local energy and economic resilience and supporting the community benefits that this resilience will bring.	Explore opportunities with partners to encourage renewable energy within the District.	LAEP tender deadline closed and currently evaluating bid submissions. Discussions with Low Carbon Hub on increasing rooftop solar.			Ongoing	Andrew Prosser	Giles Hughes / Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
4.5		Work with Oxfordshire County Council to deliver on our joint commitment to active travel and public transport, including through improved walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure and better public transport services.	Install EV charging points across the District.	Tender pack with a shortlist of sites will be issued shortly for review.	26/05/2023	01/01/2025	Off Target but Mitigation in Place	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon

			Enable delivery of agreed project interventions on Government approved Investment Plan under UKSPF and REPF.	Projects are comintuning to be delivered including employment support for those furtherest from the market with OxLep, Aspire, Sofea and Farmability. New Climate Action Fund being launched to support SME's on Carbon Action journey.			On Target	Duncan Enright	Sam Stronach	Sam Stronach
5.1	Working Together for West Oxfordshire	Target available Council grant budgets to proposals by other organisations that will deliver on Council priorities.	Successful implementation of new Grant Scheme: a) Crowdfunding, b) Community and Voluntary Sector Service Level Agreements and c) Youth initiatives.	a) Round 3 of Westhive underway with Creator workshop on 22nd July. Round 2 projects successfuly pledging to WODC and UKSPF have been confirmed. b) Legal agreements for all SLA grant recipients are signed. Work has begun. Kick off meeting with all organisations was held on 11th July. c) Work with youth people is included in some SLA proposals. No specific projects led by Young people have come forward through Westhive. We anticipate that projects led by young people will require some support to come forward and this will be part of the Youth Dev officer's remit.	01/12/2022	31/05/2025	On Target	Alaric Smith with Rachel Crouch, Andrew Prosser and Lidia Arciszewsk	Heather McCulloch	Heather McCulloch
5.2		Work with existing businesses and new start- ups to access support available to enable their success.								
5.3		Support Town and Parish Councils to represent their communities energetically and take action on issues important to their locality.	Towns and Parish Biodiversity project— UKSPF funded project to provide case studies for communities on how to enhance biodiversity in different habitats.	Continuing to work with Wild Oxfordshire to promoting case studies that highlight best practice for nature recovery.	01/12/2022	31/05/2025	Complete	Andrew Prosser	Hannah Kenyon	Hannah Kenyon
5.44	The Council recognises that to deliver on our aspirations and the priorities in this Council Plan for West Oxfordshire, working collaboratively with others will be	Support the Voluntary and Community Sector to continue to undertake activity which serves the needs of residents including established organisations and more informal groups working to address particular needs such as access to food, youth support and cultural provision.	Community Grants	No expenditure on VCS as part of Food Action Plan to date. OCC Public health Community Insight funding (ward profile) will provide £25k of funding for VCS groups in the Witney area. Of the £120 of COMF funding towards MH support, £60k has been allocated to the SLA grant recipients and £60 has been awarded to 2 VCS organisations to work in West Oxfordshire over the next 2 years. A bid to OCC Public Health for £90k over 3 years has been approved and will provide funds to 2-4 community based Health and Nature Recovery recovery projects in communities. £10k of COMF funding has been allocated to 2 West Ox groups to deliver mental health support to parents based on findings of the Youth Needs Assessment. Household Support funding of £33k has been distributed to voluntary sector partners.	01/12/2022	31/05/2025	On Target	Rachel Crouch	Heather McCulloch	Heather McCulloch
5.5	essential	Make a dedicated effort to further understand and meet the needs of our young people and support their mental health, including children, teenagers and young adults leaving school, entering the world of work and/or seeking to	Focussed programme of engagement with young people, and other groups, on mental and physical health, local facilities and spaces for young people, to ensure future leisure, sport, culture and arts provision in the District best provides for these.	The Youth Development officer came into post on 23rd September 2024. As part of their role they will support and upskill colleagues internally in conducting more effective engagement with young people so that it is embedded. The YDO will also consider how the YNA might be updated in the future.			Ongoing	Rachel Crouch, Tim Sumner	Heather McCulloch	Heather McCulloch

	set up home in the District.		Engagement with young people will be considered by the Youth development officer and its too early to confirm what shape this will take at this time.		Ongoing	Rachel Crouch	Heather McCulloch	Heather McCulloch
	Look to invest in the building of homes that							
	meet the diverse housing needs of our residen	ts						
5.6	at all stages of their lives, including for those							
	seeking to downsize or affordable social							
	housing.							