



Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 December 2024

Item 6. Ubico Business Plan 2025-26

Recommendation and response

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Executive Member	Lead Officer
1. That the Council asks that Ubico reviews its policy on the use of pesticides and herbicides.	Y	The Council's Nature Recovery Plan 2024-2030 includes an action to stop the use of glyphosate across all Council land and seek alternative weed management strategies such as hot foam or mechanical removal. The Council instruct Ubico to tender for alternative applications as well as Glyphosate when procuring for weed treatment.	Cllr Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for the Environment	Simon Anthony, Business Manager for Contracts and Waste
2. That the Council asks that Ubico reviews the content of the HVO (hydrogenated vegetable oil) fuel to assess whether it contains palm oil.	N	Ubico only source HVO that has been certified not have been manufactured from Palm Oil. The Council is against the use of hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO) fuel due its environmental impacts, which include its contribution to carbon emissions from transportation, deforestation, increased stress on land resources, and inflated food prices. The burning of HVO also results in tailpipe emissions. The Council is committed to transitioning its fleet to electric vehicles and installing associated EV infrastructure.	Cllr Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for the Environment	Simon Anthony, Business Manager for Contracts and Waste
3. That the Council asks that Ubico reviews flood support and emergency plans in areas with frequent flooding to address provisions for missed bin collections in the instance of flooding.	Y	Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map 2025-2030 is due to published soon and includes actions related to waste management and climate change.	Cllr Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for the Environment	Simon Anthony, Business Manager for Contracts and Waste



		Ubico's Business Continuity Plan is due for an annual review in December 24 / January 2025, returning to Business as Usual after flooding including collecting missed bins will be a key part of this review.		
4. That the Council considers how it communicates with its residents on how to recycle glass, for instance by including this information in the council tax leaflet.	Y	This will be discussed with Communications colleagues at the next Comms and Waste meeting and options presented to Cllr Arciszewska for discussion.	Cllr Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for the Environment	Simon Anthony, Business Manager for Contracts and Waste