

**Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 July 2025**

<b>9. Car Parking Strategy</b>				
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agree (Y / N)</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responsible Executive Member</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>
1. Reference improving public transport within the sustainable transport section of the Strategy, particularly with regard to an aging population,	N	This is a County Council duty therefore not appropriate within WODC Strategy however Executive member will raise with County Colleagues.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
2. Include reference within the Strategy to the emerging local plan and parking demand linked to new housing.	N	The Strategy does reference the new Local plan already and the Live working Document (Action Plan) will be updated as this is approved.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
3. Consider adding an additional recommendation to the report to continue to monitor car park conditions with an emphasis on safety.	N	This is not a strategic aim, this is a matter of course and Business as usual task.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
4. Include an objective on cycle infrastructure, separate from the objective on sustainable transport.	N	This is included in the action plan and all modes of active and sustainable transport will be considered cohesively	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
5. Explore opportunities to improve environmental standards in car parks by using more environmentally friendly materials (e.g. permeable surfaces).	N	This is already contained within the Asset Management Strategy	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
6. Consider relocating the disabled bay in the corner of Burford car park in order to improve access in and out of vehicles for wheelchair users. Also consider whether	Y	This does not need to be included in the strategy although section 5.8 does already have a recommendation to continue to review specialist bays as business as usual.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley



there is a need for an additional disabled bay in this car park.				
7. Evaluate the need for parent and child bays within the Council's car parks and consider whether this need is being met.	Y	This does not need to be included in the strategy although section 5.8 does already have a recommendation to continue to review specialist bays as business as usual.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
8. Rephrase recommendation 6 to clarify that the £20k sum is to be used to explore whether there are any options available to the Council to improve drainage and mitigate flooding.	Y	We will change the wording on recommendation F, from resolve to investigate	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley
9. Pause the proposals for Woodstock car park in order to evaluate whether there is existing council-owned land that could be used to better improve the local parking situation in Woodstock.	N	Information provided to the Portfolio holder on alternative land but this does not remove the issues, so the Parking Strategy recommendations remain unchanged.	Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment	Claire Locke/ Susan Hughes/Maria Wheatley

## II. Climate Change Strategy

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Executive Member	Lead Officer
I. Engage with large businesses in the district to encourage them reduce their carbon emissions.	Y	The Council will continue to facilitate the Zero Carbon Oxfordshire Partnership (ZCOP) and encourage large businesses in the district to join the partnership to maximise carbon reduction and climate resilience. Added reference to ZCOP in the Strategy.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery.	Hannah Kenyon



2. Consider how progress against the Strategy will be reported, including Key Performance Indicators.	Y	Progress against the Strategy, including the KPIs, will be reported annually, in accordance with the Council's reporting procedures. Interim targets will be established as part of the project monitoring.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon
3. Consider emphasising in the Strategy the importance of water and its conservation in the context of climate adaptation.	Y	Reference to water efficiency have been added.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon
4. Make reference to hydrogen power within the strategy and explore the emerging opportunities that this may present.	Y	Reference to multiple energy vectors added under Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP).	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recover	Hannah Kenyon
5. Amend the foreword of the Strategy to clarify that the 2050 net zero target is for the district, and not for the Council's direct emissions.	Y	Foreword has been amended and reordered to clarify upfront that the Strategy relates to districtwide emissions.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon
6. Ensure the Strategy clearly distinguishes between areas where the Council has direct influence, and where its role is to support, encourage and enable action by others.	Y	Actions in the Strategy will be colour-coded to clarify which actions the Council has a direct influence over and which actions involve the Council supporting and enabling others.	Councillor Andrew Prosser, Executive Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery	Hannah Kenyon