

Status	Delivery Plan Objective	Ref	Project name	Lead	Intended outputs	Project description	Outcomes	2024-25 Q2 progress and next steps
Delayed	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	1-4	Science Bridge A4130 improvements Clifton Hampden Bypass Culham Thames crossing	OCC	Fully constructed infrastructure	Four linked Highways Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) schemes north of Didcot.	Improved connectivity, active travel, unlocking new homes and jobs delivery.	The Secretary of State decision is expected soon.
On track	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	5	Didcot Central Corridor Placemaking Strategy and Options Appraisal	OCC	Approved placemaking strategy and options appraisal	Input to a Placemaking Strategy for the Cultural Spine (Jubilee roundabout & Broadway), Gateway Spine (Station Rd.) and Foxhall Road, including consultation with stakeholders on capital projects options.	Transport model evidence based recommendations for highways changes in Didcot to increase active travel and improve traffic flow, increase active travel.	AtkinsRealis's draft Stage 1 Options Appraisal Report has been circulated internally for comment.
On track	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	6	Northern Perimeter Road (NPR3)	OCC	Fully constructed highways infrastructure	Contribution to the design and implementation of the A4130 Didcot northern perimeter road extension and transfer of £6.2m external funding to OCC.	Increased active travel and improved traffic flow around the east of Didcot.	£6.2m government funding is due to be transferred to OCC in two tranches to enable implementation.
On track	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	7	Didcot Gateway - masterplan	Homes Engl.	Outline planning approval and published council-led masterplan	Input to masterplanning for the key Didcot Gateway site to ensure embedding of Didcot Garden Town principles.	Context setting for a mixed use scheme of homes, offices and public open space on multiple sites and enhanced arrival at Didcot Parkway.	Planning application P22/S0491/O for the wider Gateway site is under consideration following consultation and further work is in hand to reflect planning requirements.
On track	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	8	Didcot Gateway - council offices	SAV	Fully constructed infrastructure	Input to the design and implementation of this key Gateway development for the councils to ensure embedding of Didcot Garden Town principles.	Delivery of a highly sustainable, district council headquarters, including lettable office space, landscaped amenity areas and a public plaza.	Planning application P23/S2621/FUL for the council offices is under consideration following consultation and further work is in hand to reflect planning requirements.

On track	INFRASTRUCTURE and the BUILT ENVIRONMENT	9	Wayfinding	DGT	Strategy and implementation	Preparation of a wayfinding strategy by consultants on behalf of the district councils to identify locations for and specify a wayfinding scheme across Didcot and delivery of the scheme on the ground.	Enhanced, inclusive access to Didcot's spaces and destinations, support for active travel and greater connectivity between neighbourhoods and with Science Vale.	Tender submissions for a contractor to carry out detailed design, manufacture, installation of the scheme and some decommissioning of redundant signage are due on 18 October with signage due to be on the ground by late 2025.
Delayed	ACTIVE TRAVEL and INNOVATION	13	Didcot Area Travel Plan	SAV	Strategy	Input to a strategy being developed as part of the Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP), overarching transport and travel options for towns in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse.	A strategy to deliver a net-zero transport system, private cars, cycling, freight, bus and rail that protects the environment.	OCC has renamed this project the Science Vale Area Travel Plan, and we will give an update at the next Advisory Board.
Business as usual	HIGH QUALITY HOUSING and PLACEMAKING	14	DGT development principles in development	DGT	Detailed design	Commenting on major planning applications, working with planners, developers, infrastructure providers and health and wellbeing stakeholders.	DGT principles embedded in planning decisions	The Garden Town team responds to planning applications for major developments in Didcot Garden Town.
Business as usual	HIGH QUALITY HOUSING and PLACEMAKING	15	DGT principles in planning policy	DGT	Policy	Coordinating with the Planning Policy team and Neighbourhood Planning teams.	DGT principles embedded in emerging planning policy.	The garden town team continues to liaise with the Planning Policy team on Didcot policies in the emerging draft Joint Local Plan. As part of the Local Plan process Planning Policy have redrawn the Garden Town boundaries to tidy up previous minor drafting discrepancies.

On track	GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE and LEISURE	16	Green infrastructure strategy	DGT	approved placemaking strategy and options appraisal	Preparation of a Didcot Green Infrastructure Strategy by a consultant with recommendations for improvement projects. And implementation of short, medium and long-term projects.	Green infrastructure schemes identified. Improved public realm multifunctionality, open space access strengthened for health and wellbeing benefits and a phasing plan for biodiversity net gain, nature recovery, connected green/blue infrastructure, landscape art and climate resilience.	An Invitation to Quote was published on 9 October for a landscape architect led team to design the four Cabinet approved projects with a budget of £500,000, with detailed designs expected to be ready to contract out during the summer of 2025.
On Track	COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES	17	Environment and sustainability activation	DGT	Community activation (programme of projects planned and implemented)	Working with local partners to deliver a series of projects connected with the environment and sustainability.	Community projects carried out such as community gardens, tree planting, and the Didcot Nature Charter project, proposed by the Residents Sounding Board.	The Didcot Eco Fair will be held at Cornerstone on Saturday 2 November and separately Energy Champon training is being arranged with the Low Carbon Hub.
Delayed	COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES	18	Meanwhile uses	DGT	Community activation	Input to planning and delivering temporary or semi-permanent meanwhile uses in collaboration with partners and the community.	Temporary or semi-permanent meanwhile uses of commercial space and public realm. Improved sense of community well-being.	Barclays Bank pop-up is offering services from Cornerstone Arts Centre and officers continue to look for opportunities for other meanwhile uses.
On track	COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES	19	Didcot Public Art and Culture	DGT	Strategy and community activation	Didcot focused Public Art Plan to identify art placements that will revitalise areas. Building on Didcot's Cultural Spine by delivering projects and events to increase Didcot's cultural offer and promote Didcot as a destination.	Didcot focused Public art placements identified and areas revitalised. Projects and events delivered to build on Didcot's cultural offer and promote Didcot as a destination.	Five additional art locations were added to the Didcot Public Art Plan, which, subject to legal review of the amendments is expected to be approved shortly by South and Vale Independent Cabinet Member decisions. Officers are also working with the Arts team to bring forward public realm improvements outside Cornerstone using budgets that will include UKSPF funding to be used before 31 March 2025.

Paused	GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE and LEISURE	20	Didcot Leisure & Recreation Strategy	SAV	Strategy	Input to a Didcot leisure and recreation strategy that builds on the recent district-wide strategy.	A detailed review of Didcot's leisure needs, with recommendations for current and future leisure need, allowing for identified housing growth.	Awaiting council approval of the district-wide Leisure Facilities Assessment.
On track	COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES	21	Active Communities & Healthy Didcot	SAV	Community activation (programme of activities implemented)	Working with the Active Communities team and local Steering Group to help plan and implement a programme of activities and with local organisations to develop the Healthy Didcot community insight project and initiate a programme of actions to mitigate identified health issues.	A programme of activities and recreational provision for all abilities, Didcot focused health data profiles, improved health and an understanding of community views on health needs.	Officers are working through 1,655 responses to the Healthy Didcot residents survey and data and stakeholder report have been drafted. All reports will help to create a Community Insight Profile report for the community led Healthy Didcot Steering Group to produce an action plan. One of three UKSPF funded bike repair stations at Didcot Wave. The two others will be installed at the District Community Centre and near Cineworld and Cornerstone.
Paused	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	22	Didcot Town Centre and Retail Study	SAV	Strategy	Prepare a study, building on the district-wide Town Centre and Retail Study, to identify possible interventions for Didcot.	Identified interventions to improve the town's viability and vitality, including realistic, achievable short and long-term actions.	Officers await finalisation of the Didcot Central Corridor project and in the next financial year will coordinate with the Economic Development team who will initiate a Didcot focused study building on the Joint Local Plan 2041 district-wide study.
On track	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	23	Apprenticeships, skills and training	OxLEP	Community improvements	Working with partners to build local business networks, influence programmes and identify opportunities for skills training and apprenticeships, as proposed by DGT Business Sounding Board.	Greater understanding of and access to local opportunities for skills training and apprenticeships.	A good example of Science Vale apprenticeship schemes - Milton Park Pharma company Vertex has hosted more than 60 paid interns since opening it's lab in 2021 and this year, targeting people 'under represented in the scientific community', have taken on 15 summer interns from local schools to work in the Learning Lab.

Paused	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	24	Digital inclusion and co-working	SAV	Community improvements	Working with partners to improve Didcot's digital inclusion and identify co-working options, in accordance with OCC's 2022 Digital Inclusion Strategy and Charter.	Improved digital inclusion in Didcot via digital hubs, public Wi-Fi and other interventions.	The team is working in partnership with the Economic Development team to ensure this is addressed through the Didcot Town Centre and Retail Study.
Delayed	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	25	Local Development Orders (LDOs)	SAV	Policy (adopted Local Development Orders)	Input to the councils' Strategic Partnerships and Planning teams work on Local Development Orders (LDOs).	Improved economic investment and job opportunities.	Vale of White Horse District Council will consider an amended D-Tech LDO for Appleford Farm (P17/V2490/LDO) on 23 October 2024.
Delayed	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	26	Milton Bio-Science Centre	SAV	Fully constructed infrastructure	Transfer of £7m external funding to Milton Park for delivery of bio-science centre, as approved by the Milton Park LDO, .	State of the art bio-science centre at Milton Park to increase economic investment and job opportunities in Didcot.	Appointment of a design and build contractor for the Bio Science Centre is imminent and payment of the balance of the DGT £7m will be made on completion of the project.
On track	COMMUNICATIONS and LEGACY	27	Identity, legacy and stewardship	DGT	Community activation	Working with local organisations to plan and implement events, community days and healthy activities for the annual 6-week Didcot Garden Party programmes. Helping to foster a legacy plan that involves local adults, children and organisations in managing future, healthier life style, place making and sense of community ownership.	A legacy plan and programme of activities to ensure Didcot's garden town principles contribute to placemaking and are sustained in the long-term.	We have had another successful year for the Didcot Garden Party with nine performances and activities at Cornerstone, three community days and 20 sports activities throughout the summer holidays. As part of the management of all projects in the Delivery Plan the team is seeking ways to plan for and achieve long-term continuity via local people and organisations.

	Related project led by others		Cornerstone Development Action Plan	SAV	Community improvements	On 15 February 2024 South Cabinet endorsed the Action Plan to optimise operation of the in-house delivery model before any consideration is given to alternative operating models; and to acknowledge that the current implementation costs outlined within the action plan, expected to be incurred over the lifetime of the action plan, are subject to agreement of Council at its meeting on 22 February 2024.	To integrate Cornerstone into Didcot Garden Town work for better community engagement and oversight.	Officers are working on a public realm project for the area outside Cornerstone that will include UKSPF funded planters and benches as well as tree and shrub planting and artwork.
	Related project led by others		116-120 Broadway development	SAV		On 18 April 2024 South Cabinet noted that £335,470 DGT capital may be required for developing community spaces on the ground floors of the council's development at 116, 118 & 120 Broadway.		The team has commented on the architect's first draft proposals prior to planning permission being sought.