

Promoting healthy, sustainable, and inclusive communities

Building vibrant, inclusive, and resilient communities where all residents can lead healthy and fulfilling lives

- Enhance public health
- Strengthen community engagement and inclusion
- Promote sustainable economic development
- Deliver safe and clean environments

What we will do:

- Fulfilment of statutory safeguarding duty
- Anti-social behaviour service delivery
- Domestic Abuse Sanctuary Scheme
- You Move
- Move Together
- Community Lottery Scheme
- Work in partnership with the creative sector to develop and successfully adopt a Culture, Heritage and Creative Industries Strategy for South and Vale
- S106 public art funding
- Health Inequalities Action Plan – Healthy Didcot (Didcot Garden Town)
- Health Inequalities Action Plan – Abingdon Caldecott
- Work in partnership with strategic health partners
- Leisure projects as detailed within the Capital Investment Programme
- Provision of council-operated leisure centres
- Community Grant schemes
- Community Cohesion Plan
- Equalities Road Show
- Community Hub provision
- Economic Development Service delivery
- Business support and engagement
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26 delivery
- Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025-26 delivery
- CCTV Hub project
- Great Haseley Trading Estate Vehicle Depot Project
- Implementation of the council's Joint Air Quality Action Plan 2023-2028
- Waste Resources and Street Cleansing Strategy Action Plan
- Food hygiene inspections
- Nature and Climate Action Plan (NCAP) delivery
- Ock Catchment Partnership
- Letcombe Brook Project
- Delivery of council consultations
- Deliver Communications and Engagement Strategy

How we'll go about this

We will take a multifaceted approach based on direct action, working in partnership, and exerting influence.



How we will do it



Direct Action



Working in Partnership



Exerting Influence

When we will do it



Within the period of the Annual Delivery Plan 2026/27



Beyond the period of the Annual Delivery Plan 2026/27 (i.e. 2027/28 or later)



Ongoing/business as usual

Outcomes	How we will do it	How we will measure progress	How we will report it	Reporting
Work in partnership to enhance health and wellbeing in our communities		Total number of safeguarding referrals	Number & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number of safeguarding referrals which met the threshold for action	Number/% & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number and type of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents reported to Community Safety Partnership members	Number & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) Community Trigger applications made	Number & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) Community Trigger applications which met threshold	% & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number of referrals to South and Vale Domestic Abuse Sanctuary Scheme	Number & narrative (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Number of people (You Move & Move Together) participating in the council's physical activities programmes/events	Number (increase)	Quarterly
		Outcomes of the council's physical activity programmes/events (You Move & Move Together)	Narrative	Quarterly
		Number of community lottery tickets sold, and annual estimated income generated	Number & £ (retrospective)	Annual
		Annual narrative on community lottery causes and awards	Narrative	Annual
		Culture, Heritage and Creative Industries Strategy adopted	Yes/No (Summer 2027)	Annual
		Drawdown of S106 monies to fund public art both directly and in partnership with external organisations	£ S106 monies drawn down and number of projects funded (retrospective)	Annual
		Health Inequalities Action Plan reporting – Healthy Didcot (Didcot Garden Town) – South and Vale joint reporting	Narrative (retrospective)	Six-monthly

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Work in partnership to enhance health and wellbeing in our communities Annual		Health Inequalities Action Plan reporting – Abingdon Caldecott	Narrative (retrospective)	Six-monthly
		Attendance at strategic health meetings	Number & narrative (retrospective)	Annual
		Number of leisure centre improvement projects underway	5 or more	Annual
		Number of leisure centre improvement projects completed	Number & narrative (retrospective) as projects complete	Annual
		- Number of leisure centre visitors - Increased total participation in council-operated leisure facilities - Increased disability participation in council-operated leisure facilities - Increased concessionary participation in council-operated leisure facilities - Average social value of participant - User satisfaction of council-operated leisure facilities	- X number (retrospective) - X% - target 5% increase - X% - target 4% increase - X% - target 5% increase £X per participant – target of £93 & narrative 0%+ Positive Outcome	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Annual Annual
		- Total value of grants awarded - Number of organisations supported	£ - X number	Annual Annual
	 	- Number of migration households (Afghan, Homes for Ukraine, Asylum seekers) supported by council - Number of projects to promote community cohesion and inclusivity with migrant individuals - Attendance/participation of migrant individuals in local community projects	- X number - X number - X number	Six-monthly Six-monthly Six-monthly
Promote equalities, diversity, and inclusion within our communities		- Public participation in equalities road show events: - Number of events held - Number of attendees - Feedback following the event - Narrative feedback	5 or more events, then report retrospectively on: - Number - Number - Number (smiley-face balls) - N/A (narrative only)	Annual
Support residents via the Community Hub		Number of residents accessing community hub services	Number of emails and phone calls into the service (retrospective), plus a breakdown of the total into categories (ARAP, Cost of Living, Food, Ukraine, Other)	Monthly

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Promote a thriving and sustainable local economy		• Number of Community Employment Plans being supported by Economic Development	• N/A – narrative and retrospective reporting on number supported	Annual
		• Social and economic value delivered through Community Employment Plans	• £ for social value (retrospective) • £ for economic impact (retrospective)	Annual
		• Report on the progress of Enterprise Zones, including significant developments, new sites, numbers of jobs reported, job levels, business rates retained, and projects funded	• Narrative	Annual
		• Business engagement activities (joint for South and Vale): • Number of South and Vale Business Support Newsletter subscribers • South and Vale Business Support Newsletter open rate • Number of visitors to SouthernOxfordshire.com • Number of Visit Southern Oxfordshire Newsletter subscribers	• Number (increase) • 33% (generally accepted industry standard for public sector newsletter open rate) • 1000 visits per month • 500 subscribers in year (total)	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly
		• Delivery of direct business support: • Planning enquiry supported • Businesses supported to improve sustainability • Businesses supported to engage in inclusive economy initiatives • Businesses supported to access finance • Businesses supported to engage with wider council services • Businesses signposted to external support • Organisations engaging with Visitor Economy Support	• 10 businesses per year • 15 businesses per year • 15 businesses per year • 20 businesses per year • 10 businesses per year • 15 businesses per year • 25 organisations per year	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly

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Promote a thriving and sustainable local economy		Delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025-26 (extended)	100% of funds committed ahead of the year-end deadline (31 March 2026) – reporting will confirm the amount of funding committed (£), RAG and narrative update - Funding allocation: - UKSPF - £327,146 - REPF - £158,381	Annual
Take action to improve the safety and cleanliness of the local environment		Completion of CCTV Hub project	RAG & trajectory – target completion July 2026	Six-monthly
		Great Haseley Trading Estate Vehicle Depot Project progress (joint South and Vale project)	RAG, trajectory & narrative update – target completion Autumn 2026	Quarterly
		Increased recycling across all council-operated leisure facilities	X% - target of 50%	Annual
		Number of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in the district	Number (decrease) – target of 1 for 2026/27	Annual
		- Envirocrime data¹: - Number of fly tips - Percentage of fly tips with formal investigation - Number of abandoned vehicles - Percentage of abandoned vehicles with formal investigation	- Number (decrease) – ongoing target of 130 % (increase) – ongoing target of 95% - Number (decrease) – ongoing target of 110 % (increase) – ongoing target of 95%	Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly Quarterly
		- Food hygiene inspections: - Percentage of food businesses with a hygiene rating of 3 or above - Percentage of annual food hygiene inspections completed	% (increase) – ongoing target of 97% % (increase) – ongoing target of 98%	Quarterly Quarterly

¹Due to the significant time lag between the council inputting data into Wastedataflow and then the information being published by Defra, figures are provisional and whilst there isn't expected to be any change, there is the possibility of some small variations.

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		- Number of projects to promote and enhance water quality including driving the improvements in the ecological health of our rivers - Narrative on activity to influence Thames Water, the Environment Agency and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to improve the ecological health of rivers and waterways in Vale of White Horse	2 & narrative	Annual
Promote community engagement		Number of ‘you said, we did’ articles published on the council’s ‘Join the Conversation’ platform	Number (retrospective)	Quarterly
		Consultation reports included in decision-making reports (e.g. Cabinet reports, Individual Cabinet Member Decisions) – demonstrating feedback is included when decisions are made	Narrative	Quarterly
		Responses to council consultations – diversity/representation data and any narrative around engaging specific marginalised groups	Narrative	Annual
		Embrace the opportunities that social and digital media channels/ platforms bring – publicising the ‘you said, we did’ articles on the council’s ‘Join the Conversation’ platform, publicising when decisions are made based on public feedback, and promoting participation in committee meetings ahead of time	- Number of social posts (target of 5 social posts per quarter on ‘you said, we did’) 100% public accessibility to committee meetings	Quarterly Quarterly