

Subject: FW: REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR : OCC Climate Action Programme

OCC has been very active on climate action and I have put much energy into progressing a number of strands of work, intending to make public the long-standing commitment in Oxfordshire.

OCC's current action on the environment/climate :

- OCC to review energy strategy : new target to achieve net zero emission by 2030 (ahead of current target of 2050 as achieving 6% reduction per annum)
- Install 50,000 LED street lights as they come due for replacement: 6,000 this year
- Continue support for 65 Community Action Groups on environment projects, incl. energy generation, flood management, food waste (largest number in UK)
- OCC support for Local Energy Oxfordshire (LEO) new inter-county generation project funded by EDF and SSE (launched 26/06/19)
- Through OEP (Oxon Environment P'ship) with Distirct Councils/City set target to recycle 70% waste by 2030 (OCC currently top recycling county in UK)
- Agreed with DC/City partners at OEP to new post : EP Environment Partnership officer to drive the agenda
- Introduce EV to OCC fleet as contracts become due. OCC has 2 EVs; FRS has 9 EVs already

- ZEZ introduced in centre Oxford City : from 2020 buses required to be Euro 6; taxis to be zero emissions by 2025 and dates set for other vehicles as the ZEZ area expands. All buses and taxis will take lower emissions to every town and village in the county

- Traffic congestion management programme with Oxford City is well advanced with consultation planned for the summer

- Safer schools trial programme launched last week to increase awareness of pollution risk around schools.

- OCC won 2 national awards on Thurs 19 June: one for setting up Recycling Cafés; the other for health and safety projects, which demonstrates OCC's cutting edge capability and appetite for improving every service.

- OCC supports an innovative team of research scientists in the iHUB which now connects 500 scientists and businessmen in Oxfordshire to develop cutting edge technology in motor industry, bio sciences, energy (efficiency as well as generation and distribution), housing and others. It is a central contributor to the global reach Oxfordshire now enjoys in science and technology. OCC is part of developing the technologies which will drive the UK economy in 21st century.

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