

# Record of Cabinet portfolio member decision

## CLIMATE LOCAL DATE OF PUBLICATION – 26 APRIL 2013

- NB: The Head of Legal and Democratic Services must receive a request to call-in this decision by 4.30pm on Friday 3 May 2013.
- Subject to the call-in mechanism this decision will be implemented on Tuesday 7 May 2013.
- The council's cabinet portfolio holder has taken the executive decision outlined below. This decision is published in accordance with the council's procedure rules.

DECISION TAKER	DETAILS OF DECISION
Mr D Dodds	<p>To formally approve South Oxfordshire District Council's Climate Local Pledges for publication, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to the <a href="#">Oxfordshire Environment Partnership 22 March 2013</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Reasons for recommending decision</b></p> <p>On 25 January 2013, local authority members of the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership signed the Climate Local Commitment. Members agreed to confirm within six months the commitments and actions to be included and reported on as part of the Climate Local process.</p> <p>This Individual Cabinet Member Decision is to formalise the commitments made by the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership.</p> <p>The proposed commitments and actions are set out below. All of these meet the partnership's Oxfordshire 2030 priority objectives, which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Manage the risk and effects of flooding.</li> <li>2) Support Oxfordshire organisations and communities to develop resilience to the more frequent and severe weather events which are expected.</li> <li>3) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oxfordshire.</li> <li>4) Protect and enhance the biodiversity of the county.</li> </ol> <p><b>Oxfordshire Climate Local Commitments</b></p> <p><b>Commitment:</b> In order to meet our Oxfordshire 2030 priority objectives 1 and 2 we will make the following commitments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Develop a flood risk management strategy for Oxfordshire.</li> <li>2) Promote sustainable drainage systems.</li> <li>3) Provide advice about weather and climate resilience to business and share good practice with District Councils. Publish updated guidance for business on the Local Enterprise Partnership business portal.</li> </ol>

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	<p><b>Commitment:</b> In order to meet our 2030 priority objective 3 we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) Reduce carbon emissions from the local authority estate. Average 3% annual reduction in local authority CO<sub>2</sub> emissions against 2010/2011 baseline.</li> <li>5) Work with local stakeholder and community groups to support rollout of the Green Deal in Oxfordshire. Increase in community group engagement (through Low Carbon Hub and Community Action Groups) against 2011 baseline.</li> <li>6) Set up the OxFutures Fund as part of Oxfordshire Total Retrofit led by Oxford City Council in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, to attract private sector funding and to support community energy efficiency projects across the county.</li> </ol> <p><b>Commitment:</b> In order to meet our 2030 objective 4 we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Develop a green infrastructure framework.</li> <li>8) Increase the proportion of Local Sites in positive conservation management.</li> </ol> <p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Specific actions and measures for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 were endorsed at the Joint Environment and Waste partnership meeting on Friday 24 June 2011.</p> <p>Revised wording for 3 was submitted to the Oxfordshire Partnership meeting in March 2012.</p> <p>Specific actions 5 and 6 were presented in the work programme to the last meeting; they support the 2030 priority 3, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and measure 5, which was endorsed at the meeting on 24 June 2011.</p>
	<p><b>Alternative option considered</b></p> <p>The council has already signed up to the commitments as part of the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership's Oxfordshire 2030 priority objectives. There are no additional resource implications. The council is working in partnership with all other Oxfordshire local authorities to deliver these commitments. Some actions are led by other councils and we play only a minor role in their delivery. In particular, South and Vale have at present no role involving time or money in the setting up of the OxFutures Fund. However we are broadly supportive of all the initiatives making up the Climate Local commitments.</p>

If you have any queries regarding this decision please contact the decision taker above or Heather Saunders, [heather.saunders@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:heather.saunders@southandvale.gov.uk), Tel: 01235 540506

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