

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)

OXCAM ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- 9.1 The panel discussed the OxCam Environmental Principles at its meeting on 7th October 2021.
- 9.2 Councillor Alban expressed that he was thrilled and enthused that 2040 is the target end date for the implementation of these principles, this gives confidence that the Council is looking to achieve these targets with a sense of urgency and also that the Council can play a part in enabling this across the community.
- 9.3 Councillor Wilson seconded this enthusiasm and questioned where resources would be diverted from as mentioned in 7.1 of the report. Councillor Fuller assured that this would be taken from underspends from other budget areas.
- 9.4 The report was praised by Councillor Criswell who observed that it builds upon and forms a progression from previous green initiatives implemented by the Council. Councillor Criswell observed that whilst a green environment is welcomed, commuting and local transport should also be considered including an aspiration for everything to be available for residents within a 15-minute radius of their homes. A joined-up approach to development would help to achieve a sustainable future.
- 9.5 Councillor Wilson suggested that the environmental principles be included in every new policy and plan adopted across the Council to ensure targets are met.
- 9.6 Councillor D'Souza commented on an exciting and ambitious paper and endorsed that the Council should influence the local community and help to educate local groups, enabling them to implement and adopt the principles in the community.
- 9.7 The panel welcomed the report and encourage the Cabinet to endorse the recommendations contained within the report.