

Berinsfield Community Delivery Plan

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Housing and The Built Environment									
1	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Land and development agreement	In progress	H	Continue negotiations and agreement with land owner and agent on the development and principles of the new Garden Village Development following the masterplanning exercise	SODC - Place	£0	SODC - BGV	Discussions will continue through the planning application process.
2	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Community-led Masterplanning Exercise	In progress	H	Arrange and hold masterplanning exercises with the community, Parish Council and other key stakeholders to seek options, ideas and views to inform a comprehensive masterplan for the Garden Village, working with the landowner of the STRAT 10i adjacent land. This will allow stakeholder buy-in to a development that positively enhances the local amenity and delivers on the aspirations of the local community.	Ptarmigan (JTP)	£0	N/A	Discussions continue between SODC and Ptarmigan to inform the regeneration package and S106 agreement. It is important that we build an evidence based regeneration package to inform the S106 to unlock the viability of the Garden Village to be delivered on Land at Mount Farm. This is underpinned by the green belt being released for development for exceptional circumstances of regeneration to meet local need.
3	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Community Facilities	Complete	H	Commission feasibility studies to inform a business case on full redevelopment or refurbishment of community and sports facilities (condition, design, specification, cost and management models). This will develop and advance options and ideas for the design of a community wellbeing hub and consider opportunities to co-locate several existing organisations and facilities. Development of the project will be completed in consultation with local partners and service delivery.	SODC - BGV/Place	£49,923	SODC - BGV	The Community Hub Feasibility Study is complete. Ptarmigan will now take forward the next stages of the community hub work as part of the masterplanning process. It may be considered that the Community Hub is integral to the regeneraiton package for the existing village.
4	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Stewardship	In progress	H	Commission a study into the sustainable management of community facilities and a creation of an outline financial model to adopt an effective long-term management stewardship model to maintain the quality of the whole Garden Village, having regard to the discrete management model for the community facilities if these are delivered prior to a comprehensive masterplan.	SODC - BGV/Place	£10,000	SODC - BGV	Ptarmigan have engaged with Mark Pratchett regarding early discussions on Stewardship.
5	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Abbey Sports Centre Refurbishment	Complete	H	Complete the refurbishments of the wet side changing facilities and artificial turf pitch that are required to keep the Sports Centre in operational use until masterplanning commences and/or the community facilities project is complete and new/refurbished facilities are delivered.	SODC - Property and Leisure	£130,000	SODC - S106 OCC	The wet side changing facilities and artificial turf pitch are now refurbished and in use. However, we've identified budget to advance a RIBA Stage 0, Business Case for expanding the swimming pool at Abbey Leisure Centre.
6	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Neighbourhood Development Plan	In progress	H	Berinsfield Parish Council are producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan to ensure future developments meet the needs of the community, including some support and funding from SODC.Update summary	Berinsfield Parish Council	£0	BPC - Locality	The Berinsfield NDP group have sent an updated version of their plan for SODC to review, following the Reg 14 pre-submission consultation. Berinsfield Parish Council received a grant from SODC of £7,000 to progress the NDP.

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7	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	Affordable Low Carbon Home Studies	Not started	M	Commission a study into affordable carbon friendly homes on existing sites within Berinsfield parish, which could explore communal living units, single occupancy homes, modular homes and managed affordable self-build plots. It will also involve researching eco-friendly techniques and principles, in line with the Council's policies regarding the climate change emergency	SODC - BGV/Affordable Housing Registered Providers	£15,000	SODC - BGV	Not yet started.
Community Health and Wellbeing									
8	Improved economic and community well-being	Community Grant Scheme	In progress	H	Roll out a community grant scheme for capital and revenue grants to fund community projects, services and initiatives to support community partners in delivering the best outcomes for Berinsfield residents.	SODC - BGV/Community Enablement	£345,000	SODC - BGV	Grant scheme launched in 2022, with subsequent successful awards announced in early 2023. Awards for both revenue and capital span between 1-5 year installments until 2026. They are monitored annually against agreed targets by Grants Officers. Annual monitoring round for the last financial year to start shortly.
9	Improved economic and community well-being	Community Outreach Officer - The Berin Centre	In progress	H	Recruit a Community Outreach Officer who will work in Berinsfield to provide assistance for the needs of the residents in partnership with The Berin Centre over 2 years. The Berin Centre have received funding for a part-time employee and we will joint fund this, so it is a full time employee.	SODC - BGV The Berin Centre	£35,658	SODC - BGV	By joint agreement with the Berin Centre, a decision was made for the Council to employ a Community Development Officer. A new Community Development Officer shared across the Garden Communities Team at South and Vale was successfully appointed following a competitive recruitment process. The candidate is likely to start towards the end of May.
10	Openness and accountability Improved economic and community well-being	Community Events	Not started	H	Throughout the year work with organisations to host community events and activities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for residents, ensuring the Garden Villages Team have a strong presence to hear and keep the residents and community groups views engaged and updated with progress on the garden village. Utilise existing local communications channels to publicise events.	SODC - BGV	£10,000	SODC - BGV	Not yet started. Priority for roll out in 2024. The new CDO will focus on this project as a priority.
11	Improved economic and community well-being	Healthy Placeshaping	In progress	H	Develop a local Berinsfield profile and action plan to strengthen residents wellbeing and reduce the deprivation levels and health inequalities. This profile should also reflect and celebrate the community's great resources and strengths, in order to build and future proof services and assets. Ensure local partners endorse the strategy and take ownership of actions in areas of need. Complete benchmarking, annual monitoring and impact reports once the strategy is approved to ensure implementation and progress. Use the strategy and action plan to support joined up working and collaborative bids for external funding.	SODC - BGV OCC Public Health Team	£5,000 (SODC) £60,000 (OCC Grant Funding TBC)	SODC -BGV OCC - PH	The latest subgroup meetings were held on the 11 and 12 March to start action planning with stakeholders on how to address health inequalities following the recommendations and insights highlighted in the Community Insight Profile. The draft profile will be circulated in April 2024. The profile recommendations and action plan will outline a multi-agency approach, to which organisations will agree to implement it through new or existing projects, initiatives and activities. As part of launching the action plan, we are exploring with Berinsfield Parish Council how to open a community-led grants opportunity in July. We've ringfenced £25,000 for the health and wellbeing grants scheme.
12	Improved economic and community well-being	Active Communities	In progress	H	Work with the Active Communities team to implement leisure and recreation activities within Berinsfield to improve participation rates. The offer should include a range of sporting activities to accommodate all abilities and encourage residents to get more active.	SODC - Active Communities Team	£5,000	SODC - BGV	Active Communities team already operate in Berinsfield under BAU. Following the outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing project, we will work with the team to plan for targeted activities to support any desired outcomes or objectives.

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13	Improved economic and community well-being	Community Calendar	Complete	H	Develop a local Community Diary System (accessible to all) to show what's on and when to develop community cohesion.	SODC - BGV	£0	SODC - BGV	Project Complete. Completed and online. Developed by the Berin Centre and instructions pack rolled out to all. Hosted on a variety of different community organisation websites through Google Calendar. Can be found on the Parish Council website here: https://www.berinsfield-pc.gov.uk/ Improving this system may be picked up as part of the action plan for the Health and Wellbeing project.
14	Improved economic and community well-being	Public Arts and Culture	In progress	M	Use the arts to enable engagement and support various community initiatives to identify solutions, celebrate heritage and achievements of Berinsfield. Produce a plan for community based public art projects in the existing village and also in the new development site through the mechanism of Community Arts Development. Exploration of the arts can enable themes of placemaking, identity/brand for Berinsfield and develop on existing work.	SODC - BGV/Arts Development	£32,000	SODC - UKSPF	Arts community programming continue to be rolled out in Berinsfield. - A Reminiscence Project - pride of place, celebrating the past, present and future, capture local stories and lived experiences. Document the village through the eyes of the residents and communities. - Dance and exercise - improving health and social isolation for an aging population - Youth Art School to support young people and upskill - Art in the Community - to support and add value to existing events and local initiatives - Legacy projects and building capacity for local organisations The Berinsfield Bureau is now live on instagram to document the evolving project. A community arts day was held on Saturday 23 March, which included exploring landscapes of Berinsfield with artist Lisa-marie and sun printing with Laura. A documentary is also being created with residents of the village by film-maker Samuel Mansell.
15	Improved economic and community well-being	Community Advice Services	In progress	H	Investigate and map service provision for local residents and assess needs for advice services and promote service provision widely through various means	SODC - BGV	£0	SODC - BGV	Mapping considered as part of the Health and Wellbeing project, which will help inform any gaps in provisions as part of that project. Citizen's Advice Bureau now running a satellite provision within Berinsfield following a successful award of SODC grant funding. Also great advice support services from Christians Against Poverty, that are located on a Tuesday at the Library.
Sustainability and the Environment									
16	Protect and restore our natural world	Enhancing Green Space	In progress	M	Conduct a review of open spaces to look for opportunities to enhance the areas by planting trees, hedges, and wildflower on district owned land and produce a treescape report. Following the review, a phasing plan will need to be developed to help plan for any capital improvements. Implementation of any capital improvement should focus on available land owned by SODC, OCC and the Parish Council.	SODC - BGV/Climate Action	£15,000	SODC - BGV	OxTrees report for tree planting and biodiversity opportunities within the Berinsfield parish boundary complete. SODC is currently advancing a project focussing on the Spinney with the Parish Council and OCC to make it a more formal and valued site of natural space. This will help influence project 18 and creating an opportunity to bring forward a forest school to the area.
17	Protect and restore our natural world	Community Environmental Projects	In progress	M	Work with the community to identify and progress community environmental projects and provide support for these activities.	SODC - BGV/Climate Action	£20,000	SODC - BGV	A project for a second community 'mindful' garden with the Church is being advanced by SODC.
18	Protect and restore our natural world	Forest School	In progress	L	Liaise with Oxfordshire County Council to ensure overgrown sections of the Spinney are cleared to stop brambles growing onto Abbey Woods Academy grounds. Once this is completed Berinsfield Parish Council intend to rent the land from OCC so it can be used for a Forest School.	OCC Berinsfield Parish Council	£0	N/A	Work completed by OCC and BPC to clear the site of flytipping and rubbish. Further aborcultural studies to be completed to understand how we can increase the space for nature, understand what is already there and how to enhance it.

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19	Action on the Climate Emergency	Watercourse Enhancement	Not started	L	Complete a technical study into how the watercourse can be enhanced to address flooding by surveying the existing foul and surface water drainage systems. This study will be used to inform masterplanning due to flooding in specific areas.	Ptarmigan	£0	N/A	To be considered as part of the planning application. No further update.
20	Action on the Climate Emergency	Community Energy	In progress	H	<p>To undertake a feasibility study on opportunities for developing land or building-based energy assets within the Berinsfield Parish area that will be owned by members or organisations of the community. The feasibility study will focus on renewable and low carbon assets.</p> <p>It is envisaged that any community energy project, will also support the commitment to ensure the local services and organisations within the parish remain sustainable. We anticipate that if there are viable opportunities to deliver community energy projects within the parish, this may link into the wider proposals and stewardship of a new or regenerated community hub.</p>	SODC - BGV/ Economic Development	£9,500	SODC - UKSPF	<p>SODC member briefing to outline work completed to date and gain steer from members is progressed. Internal consultation at SODC completed.</p> <p>BETA Phase funding opportunity bid made by OCC, to support community energy projects developed further. Outcomes of the external funding opportunity not yet announced.</p>
21	Action on the Climate Emergency	Decarbonisation Audits	Complete	H	<p>Produce a decarbonisation report for each of the five community facilities audited .</p> <p>Identify measures, including low and zero cost measures, energy efficiency upgrades, low carbon heating options and on-site renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Calculate the energy and carbon savings. Undertake preliminary economic modelling.</p>	SODC - BGV/Economic Development	£7,350	SODC - UKSPF	<p>As part of wider UKSPF funding secured for the Garden Communities team, a further £59,000 is ringfenced to support community organisations in implementing capital improvements towards decarbonisation targets following the audits completed last year.</p> <p>Organisations are now notified of grant allocations and will received funding following receipt of signed documentation. All improvements to be implemented by March 2025.</p>
Active Travel									
22	Action on the Climate Emergency	Roman Road Cycle Route	In progress	M	This project is led by Oxfordshire County Council to create a new cycling network from Berinsfield to north Oxford as part of their countywide active travel plan.	OCC	See notes.	OCC	OCC were successful in securing £10.5m in Active Travel Tranche 3 funding to progress a variety of projects across Oxfordshire. One of the projects that will be progressed as part of this tranche will be the development and design of Berinsfield to Oxford pedestrian and cycle route. The project looks at two options for a walking and cycling route between Berinsfield and Oxford (Cowley), the Roman Road using Public Rights Of Ways, and an option along the A4074.
23	Action on the Climate Emergency	Localised Active Travel and Public Transport Study	Not started	L	Commission a transport study to look at light weight and short distance mobility in and around the village, specifically focusing on connectivity to key bus stops. Inclusion of all electric and active travel modes. This will produce recommendations for a pilot scheme.	SODC - BGV	£25,000	SODC - BGV	Not yet started.
24	Action on the Climate Emergency	Active Travel Schemes	Not started	L	Provide funding for technical studies required by Oxfordshire County Council Transport Strategy Team to undertake optioneering and some feasibility design across key walking and cycling routes, Berinsfield to Oxford and Berinsfield to Culham Science Centre (which in turn links to Abingdon and Didcot).	OCC	TBC	OCC	Not yet started.
Governance and Legacy									

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25	Openness and accountability	South and Vale Garden Communities Steering Group Meeting	In progress	M	<p>Agree Terms of Reference (ToR) for the new group and set up steering group and project meetings with key stakeholders to raise the profile of the Berinsfield Garden Village team.</p> <p>Ensure that the governance of the steering group and ToR represents a variety of different organisations and stakeholders in Berinsfield. Stakeholders may include (but not limited to); SODC, OCC, Berinsfield PC, Land agent/developer, Voluntary and Community sector, other core service providers, resident representation.</p> <p>This will ensure the work is in line with Garden Village principles and will also inform Berinsfield Parish Council and the wider community of all activity due to take place.</p>	SODC - BGV	£1,000	SODC -BGV	On going, bi-monthly Steering Group meetings already taking place with key stakeholders involved.
26	Investment and innovation that rebuilds our financial viability	Alternative Funding Schemes	Not started	L	Research additional funding streams using GrantFinder to identify opportunities to obtain external funding to support and enhance the delivery of the garden village.	SODC - BGV	£0	SODC -BGV	Not yet started.
27	Openness and accountability	Communications	In progress	M	<p>As an underpinning service / activity, all the above projects will be incorporated into a comms strategy to ensure active and regular communication with the local community.</p> <p>To work with local volunteers to support the continuation and creation of the Village Voice, its production and distribution. To align the BGV virtual newsletter to compliment this offering.</p>	SODC - BGV	£1,500	SODC - BGV	Updates to the SODC landing pages completed. New issue of the e-newsletter ready for publication in April 2024.
UKSPF Capital Schemes									
28	Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs	UKSPF - Capital Schemes	In progress	H	In 2023, the Garden Communities team successfully obtained an allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding. The team will continue to progress and deliver on the outcomes set out under our proposals for E2 and E3 funding following engagement with the Steering Group and stakeholders in 2023. Ensure our workplans deliver on our commitments that were approved by South and Vale as part of the UKSPF Investment Plan developed by the Economic Development team.	SODC - BGV	£256,870	SODC - UKSPF	<p>Following site options being explored, we now have to move forward with an alternative project to substitute the MUGA due to land ownership and leasing agreements that will delay the commencement of the project and not align to the UKSPF spending timeline. However, the regeneration of the area is still important and there will be plenty of other external funding opportunities to advance this.</p> <p>In consultation with the Parish Council, three suitable substitute projects were identified to be considered. They include replacing drainage on the field behind the leisure centre, repairing and extending the skatepark and replacing the BMX track with a pump track.</p> <p>In partnership with SOHA, three other sites are identified to advance pocket parks to include planting, seating and soft lawn games.</p>