

## **OGP Policy Working Group: Background to Political Voice**

### **What is happening in Oxfordshire now**

### **What the Green Party needs to do**

The Green Party places a strong emphasis on improving rights and responsibilities at all levels in society. We are strong supporters of devolution of decision making to truly local groups and believe that the County should conduct meaningful consultations on major decisions.

The Greens believe Oxfordshire County Council should lead by implementing an Oxfordshire-based living wage for its lowest paid workers (set at the same level as the Living Wage Foundation's London Living Wage because of our high local housing costs) and by supporting proportional representation as the voting mechanism for future unitary councils. Improved working conditions and remuneration plus a better democracy are clear Green objectives.