

# South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse District Councils



## Local government councils migrate to agile, change-ready Cloud finance management with Unit4

South Oxfordshire District Council works with Vale of White Horse District Council to provide cost-effective services to approximately 294,000 residents in the southeast of England.

### INFO

**INDUSTRY:** Local Government  
**SIZE:** Approx. 500 staff, 294,000 residents  
**LOCATION:** Abingdon, UK  
**PRODUCT:** Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

## The Challenge

The Councils are continually looking at innovative new ways to manage budgets more effectively, drive change, and deliver better public services. The goal was to transform finance operations — liberating resources to focus on more of what matters most: helping citizens and local communities thrive.



## How did Unit4 help?

- Cloud-first application strategy led the Councils to re-evaluate existing Unit4 deployment. Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Cloud eliminated cost, complexity, and maintenance. It adapted quickly and easily to change and enabled the Councils to innovate new features.
- Unit4 Managed Application Services (MAS) provided collaborative support, public sector implementation expertise, and experience from scores of previous cloud projects to reduce risk and shrink time-to-value.
- Implementation went live in only six months, partly owing to standardized financial processes, using pre-built features, and Unit4 MAS expertise.



## Achievements

### Smarter accounting

Streamlined financial processes achieve better compliance and corporate governance.

### Increased agility

Timely, shared view of data accelerates decision making. Budgets can be transferred quickly between service teams and budget holders, without compromising the checks and balances necessary when spending public money.

### Improved productivity

Finance process automation enables team to concentrate on strategic tasks that support local government services delivery.

**“The Unit4 MAS team performed an exceptional role, all the way from discovery through to design, implementation, testing, and training.”**

**Ben Watson**, Exchequer and Procurement Manager, South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse District Councils



## Impact

**6 months**

### QUICK DEPLOYMENT

Cloud model, standardization, and Unit4 MAS expertise drive fast implementation



### AGILITY

Services can be transformed without being hindered by the previous slow and cumbersome process



### HYBRID WORKING

Staff can log onto the cloud platform anytime, anywhere

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