

**Oxfordshire Partnership Board  
Note of 24 February 2010 meeting**



No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	<p>Apologies and substitutions were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Inspector Steve Rowell, Thames Valley Police (Chief Super Intendant Brenda O'Dowda substituting)</li> <li>- Dr Julie Maxton, Oxford University (Joe Barclay substituting)</li> <li>- Sarah Maxfield - Oxford Inspires</li> <li>- Warren Ralls – SEEDA</li> <li>- Peter Smith – Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>- Robin Buxton, Environment &amp; Waste Partnership</li> <li>- Frank Nigriello, Oxfordshire Economic Partnership</li> <li>- Matthew Tait, Oxfordshire PCT</li> <li>- Simon Hughes, Environment Agency (Rosemary Redmand substituting)</li> <li>- David Buckle – South Oxfordshire District Council</li> <li>- Councillor Ian Charlton, Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils</li> <li>- Joanna Simons – Oxfordshire County Council</li> </ul> <p>Members present are listed at Annex A (including substitutes).</p> <p>Officers in attendance:</p> <p>Stephen Capaldi, Claire Evans and Deborah Miller (Oxfordshire County Council).</p> <p>David Doughty, OEP and Jonathan McWilliam (Oxfordshire PCT/Oxfordshire County Council).</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Brigadier Neil Baverstock, MOD to the Oxfordshire Partnership Board.</p>	
2.	<b>Notes and actions from previous meeting</b>	<p>The note of the meeting held on 25 November 2009 was agreed.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4 – Stephen Capaldi reported that work was being undertaken and that a quality of life report would be presented at the December Meeting.</p> <p>4 – Alison Baxter reported that agreement had been sought with OSCA for a link to parishes.</p> <p>7 – The Chairman reported that there had been some slippage in the LTP3 consultation period. He urged members of the Board to contribute to the consultation.</p>	

3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None.	
<b>Policy and strategy</b>			
4.	<b>Horizon Scanning</b>	<p>The Partnership considered a report (<b>OP4</b>) which set out the current policy issues and drivers affecting partnership working locally and nationally.</p> <p>A presentation was given by Councillor Keith Mitchell, Chairman, setting out the Financial outlook, areas to focus on following the Comprehensive Performance Assessment and the National Political Direction.</p> <p>He urged the board to think about opportunities to strengthen the Partnership and whether the drivers were working locally and nationally.</p> <p>The Board thanked Councillor Mitchell for his presentation and AGREED to hold the debate under the next item on the Agenda.</p>	
5.	<b>Oxfordshire 2030 Delivery Plan</b>	<p>The Oxfordshire Partnership had agreed at its last meeting that the delivery plan should be refreshed.</p> <p>The Board was asked to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agree a key list of issues for consideration through the process</li> <li>• Invite thematic partnerships to develop proposals for consideration at the Partnership meeting in July</li> <li>• Invite the county-wide Chief Executives Group and the LAA Steering Group to oversee and steer the process.</li> </ul> <p>Stephen Capaldi reported that the Plan should be refreshed to reflect progress over the last two years and changing circumstances, particularly the economic climate and new priorities.</p> <p>Work was underway with partnership leads to review delivery activity to fulfil Oxfordshire 2030's commitment. Work was underway with thematic partnerships to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether existing LAA targets remained priorities and if so what new targets needed to be defined;</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarify and sharpen the focus of the shorter and longer term actions within the delivery plan;</li><li>• Review targets that were 'business as usual' and could be excluded from the delivery plan.</li></ul> <p>To aid debate, officers suggested that a limited number of 'big issues' were considered. The following list was put forward for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breaking the cycle of deprivation</li><li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>• NEETs</li><li>• Climate Change</li><li>• Congestion</li><li>• Others?</li></ul> <p>Officers had asked the thematic partnerships to look at priorities - stressing the point that if the partnership was to make real progress it needed to use scarce resources carefully which suggested that ultimately the partnership would need to settle on a small list of medium term priorities which were widely supported and owned.</p> <p>There then followed a lengthy debate on the above issues. The key points arising from the debate are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At present, themes were either cross-cutting or subject based.- need to make sure that targets delivered the outcomes we want - should not lose sight of local targets;</li><li>• Anti-Social behaviour and fear of crime needs to be on the list of priorities – list has to be risk based;</li><li>• For older people need to shift to prevention and look after carers;</li><li>• Would like to see priority widened to raising people's aspirations to look at whole spectrum;</li><li>• Need to look at priorities in terms of delivery – the voluntary sector are very effective in delivering preventative work – invaluable at supporting carers – need to boost the voluntary sector to enable it to deliver against the priorities;</li><li>• When refreshing the priorities – could the</li></ul>	
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		<p>partnership look again at addressing the needs of the BME community?;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• should not lose sight of affordable housing – fundamental to all priorities the partnership are looking at</li> <li>• need to look at positive statements about aspirations – need to remember drivers.</li> <li>• need to remember the Oxfordshire is a very rural County with rural communities – whatever the priorities a proper understanding of the impact on rural communities needs to be understood;</li> <li>• demographic issues and affordable housing</li> <li>• vibrant rural economy – broadband</li> <li>• we should ask thematic partnerships to come together to consider cross-cutting drivers;</li> <li>• congestion – rural transport issues and concessionary bus passes should be added to this priority</li> <li>• Economic growth and technology</li> <li>• Alcohol consumption should be part of NEETs,</li> <li>• Domestic violence should be added to the list.</li> </ul> <p>Following the debate, the Partnership Board AGREED the recommendations set out above,</p>	<p><b>Stephen Capaldi/ Claire Evans</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation from Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA): ‘Valuing and Inspiring Volunteering in Oxfordshire’</b></p>	<p>The Partnership Board received a presentation by Alison Baxter and Lindsey Watts from the Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA) outlining what the Oxfordshire volunteer centres were achieving as part of the OSCA business plan 2008-2011 and the LAA volunteering target N16; and the role of the Oxfordshire Partnership in developing a broader vision of volunteering in Oxfordshire, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meeting the standards of the Code of practice volunteering (Compact)</li> <li>- supporting campaigns to promote volunteering (e.g. trusteeship)</li> <li>- promoting volunteering as added value to your organisation</li> <li>- leading by example and champion volunteering.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership thanked Alison and Lindsey for their presentation and AGREED to:</p>	

		<p>(a) go back to their organisations and talk to colleagues about how they value and contribute to developing volunteering in the County;</p> <p>(b) to contact OSCA should they wish a presentation to be given in their own organisations.</p>	<b>All to note</b>
<b>7. Items for Information</b>			
	<b>Update from the Partnerships team</b>	<p>The Partnership noted an update on activities undertaken to support the Oxfordshire Partnership since the last meeting and upcoming activities.</p> <p>Ms Evans reported that the Oxfordshire Partnership website <a href="http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk">www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk</a> had now been updated. The new look site provided improved layout and site navigation and further information about thematic and district local strategic partnerships. She urged members to visit the new site and welcomed further suggestions and comments.</p>	<b>All to note</b>
<b>Other business. Next Meeting Forward Plan</b>			
<b>8.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	None.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	<p><b>2010:</b>  Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (2pm) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshing the 2030 delivery plan (proposals back from thematic partnerships for consideration)</li> <li>• Director of Public Health Annual report</li> </ul> <p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December (2pm)</p> <p><b>2011:</b>  Wednesday 30/3 (2 pm)  Wednesday 13/7 (2 pm)  Wednesday 30/11 (2pm)</p> <p><b>2012:</b>  Wednesday 28/3 (2 pm)  Wednesday 11/7 (2 pm)  Wednesday 28/11 (2pm)</p>	<b>All to note</b>

Organisation / sector	Name	Members	Present?
County Council	Cllr Keith R. Mitchell CBE	Leader of the Council	Present
Health	Fred Hucker	Chairman, Primary Care Trust	Present
Thames Valley Police	Ch. Super Brendan O'Dowda	Thames Valley Police	Present
District Councils	Cllr Bob Price	Leader Oxford City Council	Present
	Cllr Ann Ducker	Leader South Oxfordshire District Council	Present
	Cllr Barry Norton	Leader West Oxfordshire District Council	Present
	Cllr Barry Wood	Leader Cherwell District Council	Present
	Cllr Tony de Vere	Leader Vale of White Horse District Council	Present
District Lsps	Bishop Colin Fletcher	Chairman, South Oxfordshire Partnership	Present
	Revd John Robertson	Chairman, Vale Partnership	Present
	David Neudegg	Chairman, West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership	Present
	Jackie Wilderspin	Chair, Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership	Present
Parish / Town Council	Lesley Legge	Leader, Abingdon Town Council and Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils representative	Present
	M.J. Leeding	South Oxfordshire District Parishes	Present
	David Wood	OALC Parish Representative Cherwell	Present
	Catherine Hicksen	West Oxfordshire District Council Town/Parish councils	Present
Learning, skills, education	Craig Klafter	Oxford Brookes University	Present
	John Knights	Oxfordshire Learning & Skills Partnership	Present

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Private Sector	David Doughty	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	Present
Government Office for the South East	Chris Farthing	GOSE	Present
SEEDA			
Voluntary, Community and faith sectors.	Romy Briant	Elected Member for Voluntary and Community Sector	Present
	Alison Baxter	Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action	Present
BME Sector	Patrick Tolani	Oxfordshire Equality and Human Rights Council	Present
Military	Neil Bavistock	145 Brigade	Present
Culture, Tourism & Leisure			
Environment	Rosemary Redmand	Environment Agency	Present
Rural communities	Linda Watson	Chief Executive Officer, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council	
<b>Others who attend as required / by invitation.</b>			
County Council	Stephen Capaldi, Assistant Chief Executive, Oxfordshire County Council		
Health	Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health		