



Oxfordshire Partnership Board
Tuesday 27th March 2012
2pm, County Hall.

No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies and substitutions were received from Cllr Barry Wood: Cherwell District Council (Ian Davies attending) Fred Hucker and Mattew Tait: Oxfordshire PCT Professor Ewan McKendrick: Oxford University Kathelene Weiss: Oxford Inspires (Susi Golding attending) Sally Dicketts: Oxford & Cherwell Valley College (Liz Armstrong attending) Paul Cann: Age Concern Cllr Matthew Barber: Vale of White Horse District Council Cllr Angela Lawrence: OALC	
2.	Notes and actions from previous meeting	The notes of the meeting held on the 13 th July.	Agreed
3.	Declarations of interest	None	
4.1	Oxfordshire 2030 Update: Agreeing and Delivering Future Priorities	Each Partnership Chairman presented a short update on the achievement and future priorities of the Partnership. Please note that all of the presentations are available on the Oxfordshire Partnership website – www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board: Dr Stephen Richards, Vice-Chairman Dr Richards set out the structure for the new health and wellbeing board, the guiding principles and emerging priorities. The Public Involvement Network will feed up as well as down and have a representative on each	The revised priorities were agreed.

of the partnership boards. The Voluntary and Community sector are part of the steering group for this network which will ensure that a wide range of people can be engaged. . A further route for wider engagement will be directly via GPs Patient Participation Groups.

It is important that the 3 boards interact with each other and the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of each are therefore members of the central board. It is important that the cross cutting strands are captured and linked.

The link to local LSPs and other partnerships and working groups is important. The aim is to have a structure that recognises the local levels – to have a real partnership between 6 local authorities, the NHS and local people.

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership: Dr Martin Dare-Edwards

Dr Dare-Edwards outlined the achievements, current position and future priorities of the Oxon LEP which is regarded as one of the top Local Enterprise Partnerships in the country.

New governance arrangements are being put in place. The new board will convene on the 1st May and one of its first tasks will be to elect a chairman.

In terms of achievements the LEP has received £6m from the Growing Places Fund - The aim of this is to provide funding that will help address infrastructure constraints enabling development to come forward, thereby helping to deliver the jobs and homes communities need.

In terms of “grouping” with other LEPs over infrastructure projects the Oxon LEP will choose to partner with other LEPs according to their business segment.

Oxfordshire Safer Communities: Cllr Kieron Mallon

The Safer Communities Partnership reviewed its partnership structures to ensure they are fit for purpose in preparation for the Police and Crime Commissioner who will be elected in early November. The Commissioner will develop a five year police and crime plan, hold the police Chief Constable to account and has the power to set the policing budget. The Partnership has

developed a five year business plan (refreshed annually) which focuses on developing a robust evidence-base on community safety issues so that the Commissioner can see what works in relation to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Oxfordshire.

There is a Police and Crime Panel being set up to scrutinise the work of the Commissioner. There are 20 seats available on the panel, of which 18 will be for one representative from each of the local authority areas across Thames Valley and therefore Oxfordshire will have 6 seats. Whilst legislation does not allow for town and parish councils to be represented individually, there are 2 additional seats reserved for independents and expressions of interest are currently being sought.

It was agreed that information needed to be disseminated to town and parish councils to ensure they are kept up to date about the work of the commissioner once elected.

Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership: David Edwards

David outlined the 4 shared priorities, the refresh of the Local Investment Plan and key outcomes for the next 6 months.

The Oxfordshire Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership (SPIP) is a well-established, strategic, cross-authority partnership for planning and infrastructure.

In terms of key outcomes for the next 6 months the Chairman of the SPIP will join the LEP and this closer working relationship was welcomed. The new local infrastructure plan will be agreed in June.

A question was raised with regards to town and parish council representation on the SPIP in light of their enhanced role as a result of the localism act – David agreed to raise this with the partnership but to note that district councils are also represented on the partnership so could consider how communication could be strengthened to town and parish councils.

In terms of building communities the interface with the Voluntary and community sector is important and it was agreed that a further discussion with the sector would be helpful.

Environment & Waste: Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

Cllr Gale set out the Partnerships achievements and future priorities.

Recent achievements for the Waste Partnership have included becoming the best performing County Council Waste Disposal Authority area in the Country. One of the future priorities will be to agree new recycling & composting targets for Oxfordshire, with the existing 2020 target of 55% met nine years early.

Recent achievements for the Environment Partnership have included the Low Carbon Communities Programme funded by LAA1 grant which helped insulate 1,187 houses and advise over 2,000 people about affordable warmth. One of its future priorities will be to support local communities and organisations to reduce carbon emissions and develop resilience to severe weather

Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance: Bishop Colin Fletcher

The context in which local partnerships operate has changed significantly over the last year. The role of voluntary organisations in developing Big Society and in delivering public services has made the need for stronger and closer working between statutory organisations and the sector more significant.

In recognition of this OSCA has put in place a new structure aimed at strengthening its overall purpose.

- **OSCA Cabinet** which takes a strategic overview of issues affecting the public, voluntary, community & faith sector.
- **OSCA Full Council** which provides a broad forum for debating priorities and providing a joint voice for enabling effective lobbying on key issues affecting the voluntary, community and faith

sector in Oxfordshire

Key achievements have included the work on the transforming local infrastructure bid - the bid may not have been successful but the re-establishment of the voluntary sector support group shows that partners are committed to working together and to driving forward some of the outcomes that were in the bid.

Future priorities will include building strong relationships between commissioners and voluntary sector providers. The conversation with health will be important in terms of influencing the Joint Strategic Need Assessment and influencing the development of the health Involvement Network

District Local Strategic Partnerships: update from Val Johnson and District LSP Chairmen.

The majority of District LSPs are reviewing their future roles.

Cherwell:

Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership sees the full value of continuing to work by this structure. There is a full and committed Board who have forged strong links and wish to continue doing so. The Cherwell LSP is currently half way through the time span of their Sustainable Community Strategy and will continue to follow this strategy throughout this time

City:

Following consultation with key employers, organisations and businesses in the city, the Oxford Strategic Partnership (OSP) Board decided to continue with the Partnership and has revised its community strategy.

Vale and South

Both partnerships are carrying out a review.

The LAA funding has enabled work to take place in Berrinsfield and South Abingdon.

		<p><i>West Oxfordshire</i> A review of the Partnership has taken place. The district council foresees that this will be a more flexible and informal arrangement between partner organisations comprising a loose network of informal groupings working together on areas of common interest on a task and finish basis. The Community Strategy is under review and it will be a 'living' document to be refreshed periodically.</p>	
5	<p>Oxfordshire Armed Forces Community Covenant</p>	<p>Brigadier Baverstock gave an update on the Armed Forces Covenant in Oxfordshire and set out achievements to date and future challenges.</p> <p>There is a Covenant at the County level which all districts and a number of partners have signed up to. Local authorities can also sign a local covenant with their individual garrison or station if that is appropriate.</p> <p>In terms of recent achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A successful seminar was recently held at Sandhurst which brought together the education authorities in Hampshire County Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Bracknell Forest Council to share best practice between schools which have Service children in them and look at how they can maximise the resources already available. - The Employment pathway initiative – looking at ways to transition service leavers into employment – a recent service leavers' event was held at Brize Norton and this will be followed up with some employment fairs. - There have been a number of successful bids to the Covenant Grant scheme with over £100,000 brought into the county to date. - Good partnership working in the terms of the repatriations. <p>Challenges include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing in size - Rebasing - a large number will be coming back from Germany which will have an effect in terms of numbers present in the county. <p>Cllr Keith Mitchell emphasised the importance of putting the covenant into action and embedding this within organisations to ensure that all our staff understand what it means and also</p>	

		<p>understand the soldier's needs.</p> <p>The County Council has committed £100,000 in its base budget to support the military and their dependents.</p> <p>A key challenge is how to bridge the gap between the military hierarchy and what is happening at the local level – how do we strengthen the relationship between national policy and the local level to ensure the messages are getting through – putting effective communication lines in place. Cllr Mitchell is the Local Government Association representation on the Covenant External Reference group which will help to strengthen the link.</p> <p>The issue of housing was raised – how do we have some consistency in terms of the housing options for Armed Forces personnel. It was agreed that a meeting of District officers be convened to look at this. Claire Moore to action</p>	
7	Any other business	<p>Cllr Anne Ducker; on behalf of the partnership, thanked Cllr Mitchell for all of his support whilst being Chairman of the Oxfordshire Partnership.</p> <p>The Conservative Group will meet on 26 April to elect a new Group Leader who would then be expected to be elected as the new Leader of the Council on 15 May 2012 at the Annual General Meeting of the County Council.</p>	
8	Dates of future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the Partnership will be held in October – date to be canvassed 	

In attendance:

Cllr Keith Mitchell	Oxfordshire County Council
Joanna Simons	Oxfordshire County Council
Bishop Colin Fletcher	Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance
Susi Golding	Visit Oxfordshire/Oxford Inspires
Linda Watson	Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
Stephen Richards	Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board)
David Edwards	Oxford City Council (Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership_
Malcolm Leading	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
Romy Briant	Oxfordshire Voluntary and Community Sector
Cllr Ann Ducker	South Oxfordshire District Council
Ian Davies	Cherwell LSP
Cllr Chrissie Curry	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
Catherine Hitchens	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils
Liz Armstrong	Oxford and Cherwell Valley College
Neil Baverstock	Armed Forces
Karen Parker	Environment Agency
Alison Baxter	Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
David Neudegg	West Oxfordshire District Council
Jackie Wilderspin	Oxford Strategic Partnership
Claire Moore	Oxfordshire County Council
Martin Dare Edwards	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Chris Sharp	Thames Valley Police
Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale	Oxfordshire County Council (Environment and Waste Partnership)
Cllr Kieron Mallon	Oxfordshire County Council (Safer Communities Partnership)