

## Oxfordshire Partnership – 11 December 2007

### Progress through Partnerships Oxfordshire event

#### Background

The 6 Local Strategic Partnerships in Oxfordshire are joining together to use some of the money made available by the *Progress Through Partnership* (PtP) (a programme helping to build the capacity of LSPs in the South East) to hold an Oxfordshire-wide conference on the 8 February 2008. The event will bring together a range of different partners from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors across Oxfordshire to hear views from experienced local and national speakers, to discuss common challenges and opportunities and to have their say about the existing situation and future direction Oxfordshire should take.

The conference will be held in Oxford (venue to be confirmed) and will cater for approximately 100 people.

#### Who will be invited?

- Members of the Oxfordshire Partnership Board
- Members of the Oxfordshire Public Service Board
- Members of the Thematic Partnerships
- Members of Oxfordshire District Local Strategic Partnerships
- Members of Scrutiny Committees
- District and County Councillors with an interest in partnerships
- Senior Officers from local authorities and LSP member organisations
- Representatives from the new “Duty to Cooperate” list

#### What is the vision for the day?

Our vision is that delegates will:

- Have a unique opportunity to network with partners from across the County;
- Refresh their understanding of the strategic/national perspective on partnerships in terms of why they exist, what they are supposed to achieve, the value they can add and the changes which new legislation are bringing;
- Learn as a group more about how partnerships are structured and operate in Oxfordshire
- Hear the experiences of people from 2-tier partnerships outside Oxfordshire and consider what implications these experiences have in terms of the challenges for Oxfordshire;
- Explore the complicated but vital issues of sustainable community and spatial planning and actively engage with these issues

- Have their say about the issues raised during the day and for this input to inform the development of an independent conference report containing reflections and recommendations for further action.

LSP Officers from the six local authorities in Oxfordshire are working together alongside a consultant from Progress through Partnerships who has been commissioned to plan the event on our behalf. More information about the day including registration details will be sent before Christmas.

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