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Introduction

This first report provides a summary of partnership priorities for the year; progress in the last quarter towards those objectives and other information of interest. A report will now be taken to every Full Oxfordshire County Council meeting and meetings of the Oxfordshire Partnership.

This report includes information on the following partnerships:

- Oxfordshire Partnership
- Public Service Board
- Children and Young People's Board
- Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board
- Safer Communities Board
- Waste Partnership
- Oxfordshire Economic Partnership
- The Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Improvement Partnership
- Environment Partnership

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I have aimed to keep the report as short as possible and have therefore not included the information on membership of each partnership. This is available and if members would like it then please do let me know.

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Oxfordshire Partnership	
Chairman	Cllr Keith R Mitchell
Cabinet member	Cllr Keith R Mitchell
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Agree <i>Oxfordshire 2030</i>: the countywide Sustainable Community Strategy.</p> <p>Begin the process of managing progress in meeting the objectives of the strategy.</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Partners agreed the strategic goals for the strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Class Economy 2. Healthy & Thriving Communities 3. Environment and Climate Change 4. Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation <p>A draft strategy 'Oxfordshire 2030' and delivery plan are now being developed</p>
Issues to note	The Partnership will be consulting publicly on the <i>Oxfordshire 2030</i> during the summer
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	The Delivery Plan will encompass LAA2
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	The Public Service Board
Date of last and future meeting	<p>7th March</p> <p>23rd June</p>

Oxfordshire Public Service Board	
Chairman	Cllr David Robertson
Cabinet member	Cllr David Robertson
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Agree the Local Area Agreement 2 covering the period 2008-2011.</p> <p>Monitor and drive delivery of both LAA1 and 2</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	Agreed the 35 indicators for the LAA (first local authority in the South East to do so)
Issues to note	The PSB is currently examining the governance of all partnerships to ensure that they are fit for the purpose of

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	managing LAA and other local targets and where elected members are involved in partnership working.
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	The PSB is responsible for managing the LAA on behalf of the Oxfordshire Partnership
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	All thematic partnerships with responsibility for delivery LAA targets
Date of last and future meeting	22 nd May. 11 th June (meeting cancelled) 10 th September
Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	
Chairman	Frank Nigriello
Cabinet member	Cllr Keith R Mitchell
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Develop OEP's effectiveness and efficiency as a catalyst for economic improvement among a widening stakeholder partnership within the area and across geographic boundaries .</p> <p>Increase business participation in support of the regional economic strategy.</p> <p>Promote Oxfordshire with a view to attracting business investment .</p> <p>Address the underperformance of the Education sector in providing high quality employees for regional requirements .</p> <p>Improve the take up of skills development programmes by businesses.</p> <p>Provide a framework for enabling growth in enterprise.</p> <p>Promote sustainable, responsible business development with a view to raising the standards of acceptable corporate responsibility</p> <p>Provide economic intelligence / localised knowledge.</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>OEP has submitted a business plan to SEEDA and is in line to receive an increased grant (£125,000 up from £80,000)</p> <p>Secondment of OCC's economic development team to OEP</p>
Issues to note	N/a
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>NI 152 work related benefits</p> <p>NI 163 and 164 level 2 and level 3 qualifications of adults</p>
Sub-groups which report to	OEP Development group

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the partnership	<p>Special interest groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and education (Frank Nigriello) • Partnerships (Frank Nigriello) • Business support (Barry Wheatley) • Tourism (Stephen Dexter) • Transport • Business engagement (Frank Nigriello) • Promoting Oxfordshire (Cllr Keith R Mitchell)
Date of last and future meeting	<p>1st April 2008</p> <p>26th June 2008</p>

Oxfordshire Health and Well-Being Partnership	
Chairman	Co-Chairmen: Cllr Jim Couchman and Dr Stephen Richards (Oxfordshire PCT Chair of the Clinical Executive)
Cabinet member	Cllr Jim Couchman
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Hold an away day (19th June) to discuss effectiveness of the partnership and agree new ways of working</p> <p>Create a user/carer and voluntary sector reference group</p> <p>Improve transparency of the partnership e.g. creating web pages</p> <p>Ensure effective monitoring of LAA2 targets where relevant</p> <p>Promote the value of the joint strategic needs assessment to all partners</p> <p>Helping to deliver the recommendations in the Director of Public Health's Annual report</p> <p>Encourage the implementation of local joint public health strategies at district level</p> <p>Consider the implications for Oxfordshire of the South Central SHA vision document and Lord Darzi's final report</p> <p>Consider the role and development of Practice Based Commissioning across the county</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Agreed terms of reference and clarified purpose of the board</p> <p>Agreed membership (full involvement of districts and</p>

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	<p>voluntary and community sector, user and care reps)</p> <p>Recruited Partnership Board Officer</p> <p>Approved Director of Public Health's Annual report</p> <p>Approved development of Oxfordshire Obesity Strategy</p>
Issues to note	<p>Overseen production of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the County</p> <p>Overseen production of research into the expectations and aspirations of "Tomorrow's Older People"</p>
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>To reduce the number of falls among older people living in care homes</p> <p>To increase the number of older people supported to live in their own home</p>
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	N/A
Date of last and future meeting	<p>20th March</p> <p>19th June – Away day</p> <p>18th September</p>

Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire (MKOB) Improvement Partnership)	
Chairman	Hilary Simpson (Corporate Change Manager, Oxfordshire County Council)
Cabinet member	Cabinet Lead: Cllr John Howell
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Real outcomes in service performance through working together across boundaries and tiers and learning from each other</p> <p>Improved value for money through a collaborative approach to efficiency savings and economies of scale</p> <p>Increased resilience and capacity to deliver and manage change across the MKOB area</p> <p>Organisations that are fit for purpose to meet the needs of our customers and communities</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	The Partnerships has completed its first improvement programme which consisted of the following projects:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service improvement through collaboration • Community engagement • Leadership development • Change management • Future skills needs • Partnership performance management <p>Partnership has secured further funding for improvement and efficiency activity during 2008-2011</p>
Issues to note	Some of the projects delivered by the Partnership have received regional and in some cases national recognition e.g. MKOB Strategic Challenge Event
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	N/a
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	Buckinghamshire Pathfinder (Nick Cave, Pathfinder Director)
Date of last and future meeting	24 th April 11 th June 28 th August

Oxfordshire Environment Partnership	
Chairman	Robin Buxton
Cabinet member	Cllr R Belson
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Performance management and delivery of LAA2 climate change targets</p> <p>Responding to the Sustainable Community Strategy</p> <p>Climate change policy – mapping and developing a framework for climate change strategy (mitigation and adaptation across the county)</p> <p>Mitigation – reducing CO₂ emissions from domestic energy consumption</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Endorsing partnership objectives and priorities</p> <p>Supporting adoption of LAA2 climate change targets</p>
Issues to note	
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>NI 185 CO₂ reduction from Local Authority operations</p> <p>NI 188 Adapting to climate change</p>

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Sub-groups which report to the partnership	LAA2 target group (NI 185) Local authority CO2 reduction
	LAA2 target group (NI 188) Adapting to climate change
Date of last and future meeting	17 th March 2008
	14 th July 2008

Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership	
Chairman	Cllr J Heathcoat
Cabinet member	Cllr J Heathcoat
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Provide pro-active leadership, including the commissioning of services, in the drive to improve community safety across Oxfordshire</p> <p>Ensure co-ordination of work by Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Tactical Business groups</p> <p>Ensure that community safety activity complies with the six hallmarks of effective partnership working</p> <p>Deliver a quality Strategic Intelligence Assessment by September 2008</p> <p>Agreement of LAA2 targets</p> <p>Completion of tactical business group strategies by July 08</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Positive progress towards achieving a timely quality Strategic Intelligence Assessment</p> <p>GOSE pump priming funding achieved for research into cross-cutting themes across partnership and tactical business groups</p>
Issues to note	<p>Quality of partnership work commended by Dick Oldfield, Head of Community Safety at GOSE, for achieving significant falls in crime rates and buy-in to the hallmarks of effective partnership working</p> <p>At the end of March, with a year to go, there was a very pleasing 13.9% reduction in comparator crimes against the LAA1 target of 16.1% reduction for Oxfordshire</p>
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>NI 20: Assault with injury crime rate</p> <p>NI32: Repeat incidents of domestic violence</p> <p>NI21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour</p>

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	<p>and crime by the local council and police</p> <p>NI40: Drug users in effective treatment</p> <p>NI111: First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-1</p>
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	<p>Alcohol Tactical Business Group (Jackie Wilderspin, Partnership Manager, Oxfordshire PCT)</p> <p>Drugs Tactical Business group (Shaun Morley, Thames Valley Police Commander for Oxfordshire)</p> <p>Domestic Violence Tactical Business Group (Romy Briant, Voluntary Sector)</p> <p>Young People Tactical Business Group (Mike Simm, Oxfordshire County Council)</p> <p>Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs) (Graham McCartney, Head of Oxfordshire Thames Valley Probation Service)</p>
Date of last and future meeting	<p>28th April 08</p> <p>28th July 08</p>

Oxfordshire Waste Partnership	
Chairman	Cllr J Tanner, (for Oxford City Council)
Cabinet member	Cllr R Belson
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>An action plan and budget has been set for 08/09 to implement the joint Waste Strategy: Some of the main actions are:</p> <p>The ongoing procurement of a residual waste treatment facility (lead by Oxfordshire County Council)</p> <p>The on-going procurement of food waste treatment facilities (lead by Oxfordshire County Council)</p> <p>Ensuring that our LAA1 targets for waste recycling and street cleanliness are achieved</p> <p>Implementing the first year of actions to achieve the LAA2 targets</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Setting the strategy action plan and budget for 08/09</p> <p>Setting the LAA2 proposals and having these signed off by</p>

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	<p>GOSE</p> <p>Securing £50,000 of external funding to support our work on commercial waste reduction</p> <p>Agreeing the new financial arrangements – the new system is designed to reduce the amount of waste landfilled and control the escalating costs associated with this form of waste disposal.</p>
Issues to note	For more information please see the website: www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>To reduce the amount of residual waste collected to 715kg per household or less by 2010/11</p> <p>To achieve a 45% recycling and composting rate by March 2011</p> <p>To ensure that the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter and detritus that falls below an acceptable standard by March 2011 are 7% and 18% respectively, or less</p> <p>To reduce the number of incidents of fly-tipping by 10% by March 2011</p>
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	<p>Waste Reduction project group (Lowelle Bryan, SODC)</p> <p>Waste & Recycling Operations group (John Pickard. OCC)</p> <p>Environmental Quality & Cleansing group (Mark Harmon, Cherwell DC)</p>
Date of last and future meeting	<p>29th February</p> <p>4th July</p>

Oxfordshire Children's Trust Board	
Chairman	Cllr Louise Chapman
Cabinet member	Cllr Louise Chapman
Priorities for the year ahead	<p>Develop a framework for joint commissioning with Oxfordshire PCT, including options for pooling budgets</p> <p>Build on locality profiling to ensure increased targeting of additional Council and PCT resources on areas of highest need</p> <p>Monitoring performance to improve outcomes for children and young people and ensuring that co-ordinated remedial</p>

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	<p>action is taken where necessary</p> <p>Maintain and develop further routes for children, young people and parents/carers to become active partners in the Children's Trust arrangements</p>
Progress/ achievements in the last quarter	<p>Strengthened role of Children's Trust Board by adopting new terms of reference and creating 3 sub-groups to take forward its work.</p> <p>Addressed the implication of the Joint Area Review of Children's Services and agreed actions in response to its recommendations</p> <p>Adopted all relevant recommendations from the Director of Public Health's report</p>
Issues to note	<p>Commitment by partner organisations to offer work related placements to Oxfordshire Care leavers</p>
Responsibility for LAA 2 targets	<p>Children's Trust is responsible for 16 statutory attainment targets and 8 other targets in the LAA2</p>
Sub-groups which report to the partnership	<p>Joint Commissioning Sub-group (Alan Webb, Director of Commissioning, Oxfordshire PCT)</p> <p>Performance management sub-group (Mike Simm, OCC)</p> <p>Participation and involvement sub-group (Cllr Louise Chapman)</p>
Date of last and future meeting	<p>16th May 08</p> <p>5th September 08</p>

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