



## OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Note of a meeting held on 12 June 2007 starting at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.15 pm

No.	Item	Notes	Agreed/Actions
		<p>Present:            Councillor David Robertson – Chairman            Councillor Ann Ducker and David Buckle (South Oxfordshire District Council),            Councillor Jerry Patterson and Terry Stock (Vale of White Horse District Council),            Councillor Barry Norton and David Neudegg (West Oxfordshire District Council),            Councillor John Goddard (Oxford City Council), Clive Baynes (Cherwell District Council),            Julie Handley (Thames Valley Police), Deborah Wharton (SEEDA),            Sarah Rusby (Learning &amp; Skills Council), Alison Baxter (OCVA),            Di Morrish (GOSE)</p> <p>Apologies:            Mary Harpley (Cherwell District Council), Brian Dinsdale (Oxford City Council),            Shaun Morley (Thames Valley Police) Andrea Young (Oxfordshire PCT),            Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council)</p> <p>Officers in Attendance:            Stephen Capaldi, Jonathan McWilliam, Paul James, Claire Phillips, Mike Simm,            Dawn Pettis, Dave Waller, Nick Welch, Nigel Strick, Andrew Pau, Graham Warrington            (all Oxfordshire County Council), Jackie Wilderspin (Oxfordshire PCT)</p>	

2.	Notes from 19 February meeting	<p>Agreed</p> <p><i>Item 3 (Stretch Target Focus: Intensive Home Support)</i> Nick Welch advised that a local survey would be initiated within 4 weeks and a report submitted to a future meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Noted that Jackie Wilderspin had taken over as block lead.</p> <p><i>Item 4 (Quarter 3 Performance Report)</i> EDEI Adult Skills - Dawn Pettis advised that currently no real mechanism existed for measuring this data.</p> <p>CYPI – GCSE Achievement – Mike Simm advised that data would be available for the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Item 5 – Performance Management System</i> Issues covered at Item 7(b) on the agenda for this meeting</p> <p><i>Item 6 – Pooled Funding Streams</i> Proposals to be brought to the next meeting</p> <p><i>Item 7 – Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant Funds for 2007/08</i> Funding to be transferred to the Waste Partnership in line with delegation of other funding streams.</p> <p><i>Item 8 – Oxfordshire Partnership new Governance arrangements and Outline of the Sustainable Community Strategy development project.</i> Noted that the amended governance document would be submitted for approval to the Oxfordshire Partnership on 14 June 2007.</p>	<p>Jackie Wilderspin</p> <p>Mike Simm</p> <p>LAA team</p>
3.	Annual Review	<p><i>Presentation and discussion of performance in year one of the LAA</i></p> <p>CYP Block (Mike Simm)</p>	

		<p>CYP6 Teenage Conceptions- Significant underperformance. Rates in Oxfordshire compared favourably with national levels but did not reflect a reducing national trend. A number of factors contributed to this problem making it difficult to focus resources but it was intended to concentrate on 5 key cross cutting areas which it was hoped would impact on current rates.</p> <p>CYP 2 Achievement of children leaving care- Although the number of children in the looked after system had reduced those children who remained were high dependency with particular difficulties. It was hoped that recent changes would impact over time.</p> <p>CYP3 Young offenders in education- Responding to Councillor Robertson he advised that this remained a challenging issue not helped by having to provide a minimum limit of 25 hours within an inflexible curriculum.</p> <p><b>Economic Development Block (Dawn Pettis &amp; Dave Waller)</b></p> <p>EDE1 Adult skills – 720 adults had now achieved NVQ level I or higher. Current performance Green.</p> <p>EDE2 Enterprise project – Current performance red. No baseline data yet established.</p> <p>Deborah Wharton offered to investigate delays with Business Link.</p> <p>EDE3 Tourism – Councillor Norton advised that he would resist any proposals to promote tourism countywide which might marginalize recognized world brands namely Oxford City and the Cotswolds.</p> <p>HCOP Block (Nick Welch and Jackie Wilderspin)</p>	
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4.	Rural Framework	<p>Revised recommendations tabled.</p> <p>Councillor Norton welcomed the idea of different strategies for different areas.</p> <p>David Neudegg raised the issue of towns such as Witney falling outside the</p>	

		<p>strategy.</p> <p>David Waller advised that some towns were large enough to merit a bespoke strategy such as in Bicester. There was a case for development of a strategy for urban Oxfordshire and County Towns.</p> <p>Referring to figures on pages 9 (high crime rate) and 20 (low electricity consumption) Councillor Goddard pointed out how these figures highlighted the anomalies of living in a City.</p> <p>Agreed to:</p> <p>(a) endorse the draft Rural Framework for Oxfordshire as a first step in setting out the challenges that need to be addressed in rural Oxfordshire;</p> <p>(b) invite the Oxfordshire Rural Forum Steering Group to explore innovative solutions to address the challenges identified.</p>	<p>Susie Ohlenschlager</p> <p>Susie Ohlenschlager</p>
5.	Health and Well-Being Partnership	<p>Jonathan McWilliam stressed the importance of taking the opportunity now to establish the Partnership in order to take this work forward.</p> <p>John Jackson advised that precise guidance for the formation of a Board was not yet available but indications had been given in the White Paper. The current proposals mirrored the membership of the Children and Young Persons Board.</p> <p>General agreement in principle to establishing the Board. However, District Council representatives expressed dissatisfaction with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• membership of the Board and the proposed County membership of 4; and</li> <li>• lack of consultation with District Councils prior to the report being published.</li> </ul> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to support the setting up of the Health &amp; Well Being Partnership as</li> </ul>	<p>Jonathan McWilliam/</p>

		<p>proposed by the Director for Public Health and the County Director for Social &amp; Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that the Oxfordshire Leaders Group be asked to discuss the proposed membership of the Board at its meeting on 14 June 2007.</li> </ul>	<p>John Jackson</p> <p>Jonathan McWilliam/ John Jackson</p>
6.	Appointment of Deputy Chairman	<p>Agreed (proposed by Councillor David Robertson and seconded by Jonathan McWilliam) that Shaun Morley be appointed Deputy Chairman.</p> <p>Election of deputy chairman will take place annually.</p>	Claire Phillips
7(a)	Future Performance Reporting	<p>The Board considered arrangements for reporting progress.</p> <p>Agreed subject to maintaining arrangements for exception reporting for non-stretch as well as stretch targets.</p>	LAA team
7(b)	Performance Management System	<p>The Board considered an update on progress in developing the performance management system.</p> <p>Paul Edwards advised that a further report on costings would be submitted.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>	Paul Edwards to submit costings
8. & 9.	Local Area Agreement 2 & Oxfordshire 2020 A Long Tern Vision for the County	<p>The Board considered Items 8 (proposed new arrangements for LAAs and a suggested approach in Oxfordshire) and 9 (Update on the Oxfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy Project) together.</p> <p>Councillor Goddard considered that the section (<i>Developing the Evidence Base – Item 8</i>) suggested that the process would be excessively led by the County Council and quoted absence of any reference to LDFs. There was a particular need to recognise the lead role played by District Councils in housing.</p> <p>Paul James advised that collaboration work had been good and had involved a large number of people from across the board.</p>	

		<p>Councillor Robertson recognised the need to be more sensitive when drafting reports.</p> <p>Agreed to note both reports.</p>	LAA team
10.	Director of Public Health's Annual Report	Noted.	
11.	Funding for CDRPs	<p>Councillor Robertson advised that reductions in funding nationally (with regional weighting) announced by the Treasury seemed likely to translate into a reduction for Oxfordshire of £106,000 (14%) in 2007/08.</p> <p>Nigel Strick confirmed that a £10 million reduction had been proposed nationwide. All 5 Oxfordshire CDRPs had been through budget setting in order to target funding and there would be an additional cost of reconvening those Groups to reconsider and reset targets. There would be an impact on existing programmes.</p> <p>General dismay that this had been done mid-year and with no consultation.</p> <p>Agreed to write to GOSE accordingly.</p>	<p>Paul James to co-ordinate letter to Government for districts to sign</p>