

## OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD



**NOTES** of a meeting held on Thursday 27 September 2010 starting at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.40 pm

**Present:**

Councillor David Robertson – Chairman (Oxfordshire County Council)  
Mary Harpley (Cherwell District Council), Councillor Ann Ducker (South Oxfordshire District Council), Councillor Tony de Vere (Vale of White Horse District Council), Peter Sloman (Oxford City Council) David Buckle (South Oxfordshire District Council & Vale of White Horse District Council), Councillor Barry Norton and David Neudegg (West Oxfordshire District Council), Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council), Chief Superintendent Brendan O'Dowda (Thames Valley Police), Catherine Mountford (Oxfordshire PCT), Jackie Wilderspin (Oxfordshire PCT) and Alison Baxter (OCVA)

Officers: Paul James, Alexandra Bailey and Graham Warrington (Oxfordshire County Council).

No.	Item	Notes	Agreed/Actions
1.	Apologies	Councillor Barry Wood (Cherwell District Council) Councillor Bob Price (Oxford City Council) Warren Ralls (SEEDA) Chris Farthing (GOSE) Viv Ottaway (Skills Funding Agency) Jonathan McWilliam (Oxfordshire PCT)	-
2.	Notes of the meeting held on 1 July 2010 and Matters arising		Agreed
3.	Area Based Grant	Update on in year cuts to ABG as agreed by County Council.	Noted
4.	Y3 Q1 Performance	Performance report and assessment, including release of 2010	Noted

	Report	<p>GCSE results.</p> <p>Alexandra Bailey confirmed final figures would be validated in October but significant good news with some schools achieving a 17% improvement.</p>	<p>The Board congratulated the Policy team on the level of improvement achieved.</p>
5.	LAA Reward Grant	<p>The PSB discussed the summary of existing commitments and unallocated funds.</p> <p>The PSB will be informed of the outcome of the skills target and whether there will be further reward grant to add to the existing unallocated amount.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the following proposals : The unallocated funds be distributed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ to partners subject to a formula being agreed.</li> <li>▪ to existing LAA reward grant funded initiatives to partially compensate for the recent 50% government cut .</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration will need to be given to funding economic and skills initiatives when the outcome of the Local Enterprise Partnership bid is known – the new LEP will provide the opportunity to update economy and skills priorities which will need to be resourced.</p> <p>Further discussion will take place at Oxfordshire Leaders and Chief Executive's Group.</p>
6.	Place Based Budgets and Skills	<p>Outline of LGA proposals for place based budgets and OCC proposal for a single county budget to tackle low skills/worklessness.</p>	<p>Noted with support for the themes outlined in the paper.</p>
7.	Review of Partnerships	<p>Review of governance in the context of the new government's agenda including role of PSB.</p> <p>Recognised that one of the achievements of the PSB had been to provide opportunities for joint working.</p>	<p>Existing forward plan / schedule of PSB meetings to be cancelled and PSB meetings to be convened only when and if necessary.</p>

		Discussion now needed on how joint working could develop bearing in mind the need to retain some means of dealing with certain areas of work including Children, NEETS, Vulnerable People, Health, Crime and Disorder.	Further discussion will take place at Oxfordshire Leaders and Chief Executive's Group.
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