



OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

NOTES of a meeting held on Monday 6 July 2009 starting at 2.00 pm and finishing at 3.25 pm

Present:

Councillor David Robertson – Chairman

Councillor Ann Ducker (South Oxfordshire District Council) and David Buckle (South Oxfordshire District Council & Vale of White Horse District Council), Councillor Tony de Vere (Vale of White Horse District Council), Barry Norton and David Neudegg (West Oxfordshire District Council), Peter Sloman (Oxford City Council), Mary Harpley (Cherwell District Council), Stephen Capaldi (Oxfordshire County Council), Chief Superintendent Brendan O’Dowda (Thames Valley Police), Catherine Mountford and Jonathan McWilliam (Oxfordshire PCT), Chris Farthing (GOSE), Alison Baxter (OCVA),

Apologies:

Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council), Councillor Barry Wood (Cherwell District Council), Councillor Bob Price (Oxford City Council), Sarah Rusby (Learning and Skills Council), Warren Ralls (SEEDA)

Officers: Paul James, Tracy Luck, Alexandra Bailey, Val Johnson and Graham Warrington.

No.	Item	Notes	Agreed/Actions
1.	Apologies	Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council) Councillor Bob Price (Oxford City) Councillor Barry Wood (Cherwell District Council) Sarah Rusby (Learning & Skills Council) Warren Ralls (SEEDA)	-
2	Notes of the meeting held on 22 March 2009	Agreed	-
3	Comprehensive Area Assessment	Presentation by Robert Hathaway (Audit Commission) supported by Rosemary Matthews	Noted

	Initial Feedback from the Audit Commission on the Area Assessment	<p>(OFSTED) and Cathryn Khan (Care Quality Commission)</p> <p>Emphasising that this was very much a transitional year Robert outlined initial feedback and process for taking the assessment forward with a view to further report in September and public report published 10 December.</p> <p>The Area Assessment would focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well local priorities expressed community needs and aspirations • How well outcomes and improvements needed were being delivered • Prospects for improvement • How well served people were in Oxfordshire • Working together to deliver better outcomes quicker • How public bodies were working differently particularly in the light of tighter funding • What needed to be done differently 	
4	Performance Management	<p>Year end report LAA1 Final Performance LAA2 Year1 Performance</p> <p>Failure to achieve the LAA1 stretch target on street cleanliness was noted. Litter and detritus had been included within the LAA2 target but had been</p>	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance information should still be provided against targets which were under re-negotiation. Where information was unavailable because the target definition was unclear, the relevant thematic partnership should be provided with a timeline for negotiations and regular feedback on the status of negotiations. Where the

		<p>scored separately (whereas it had been a combined score within LAA1) with only litter performance attracting reward grant within the LAA2 target. The Waste Partnership would be meeting on 11 July to address these issues.</p>	<p>Thematic Partnership was clear on the target definition it would like to be agreed, performance information should be collected against this target.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children’s Trust to provide a short report to the PSB on actions being taken to ensure that the lessons from the difficulties with cohort of children in care in LAA1 are being learnt for LAA2. • Local Area Agreement 2 measures to be reviewed every six months for any changes to statutory guidance. • Thematic Partnerships review target action plans to ensure that action is being taken to manage the impact of the current economic climate.
5	LAA Finance Reward Grant and Area Based Grant	<p>Shortlist of bids and update on Area Based Grant.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding allocation of available grant - some concern that a percentage should be held back while others felt that the recommendations of the Steering Group should be supported.</p> <p>Noted that there would be opportunity to scrutinise revised proposals in September.</p> <p>The proposed grant pot would enable allocation of</p>	<p><i>Performance Reward Grant</i></p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisted bids would be reviewed and revised by the relevant partnerships for re-submission by 15 August for approval by the PSB on 2 September. • Bids in each priority area should not exceed the ceiling of reward agreed by the PSB for that area of work (for example Community Safety total £0.5M). • Bidders be reminded of the need to coordinate

		<p>resources to smaller groups to alleviate deprivation.</p>	<p>the use of all LAA reward funds to ensure cost effective joined up approaches to improving outcomes; bidders from all partnerships and organisations be requested to work together to ensure the most effective use of these one-off resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidders should be mindful of the 50/50% capital/revenue split for reward grant. • The LAA Steering Group should co-ordinate this process and provide advice and guidance to bidders. • Unsuccessful bidders to be contacted and given feedback by the sub-group. <p><i>Area Based Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Council's finance service to coordinate the analysis of the ABG received by the County Council for 2010/11. • District Councils in receipt of ABG to do the same. • District and County Councils co-ordinate their activities through the Oxfordshire Treasurers Group who would ensure information was provided for thematic partnerships (see activity and timescale above).
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6	Oxfordshire Partnership Governance Review	Part 2 report on governance proposals. <i>Noted recommendation 3 no longer required.</i>	<p>The following were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance proposals set out in the report PSB6 • Oxfordshire Partnership Governance Framework handbook • that partnerships should, by September 2009, implement the necessary changes to give effect to the recommendations in the report, and the standards set out in the Governance Framework Handbook. • that thematic partnerships develop local targets (in addition to LAA targets) to ensure the delivery of Oxfordshire 2030 priorities; and be responsible for managing performance on those targets and reporting to the Public Service Board on progress. • to commission the countywide LSP officers group to consult with district Local Strategic Partnerships and thematic partnerships to clarify the working relationship between them and to make any recommendations about changes to governance in order to enable district and county-wide partnerships to work together more effectively, by November 2009.
7	Director of Public Health's Third Annual Report	Two areas of concern highlighted: o Recession	Noted

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ageing population <p>and 5 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demographic Timebomb ○ Cycle of Deprivation ○ Mental health ○ Rising Tide of Obesity ○ Killer Diseases <p>Third year targets recognised.</p>	
8	Future Meetings	<p>2 September 2009 18 November 2009 18 February 2010</p>	-