



OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

NOTES of a meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2009 starting at 2.00 pm and finishing at 3.40 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 Jerry Patterson (Vale of White Horse District Council), Barry Norton and David Neudegg (West Oxfordshire District Council), Councillor Bob Price (Oxford City) and Mel Barrett (Oxford City Council), Mary Harpley (Cherwell District Council), Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council), Jackie Wilderspin (Oxfordshire PCT), Warren Ralls (SEEDA) , David Young (OCVA),

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

No.	Item	Notes	Agreed/Actions
1.	Apologies	Stephen Capaldi (Oxfordshire County Council) Councillor Barry Wood (Cherwell District Council) Sarah Rusby (Learning & Skills Council) Warren Ralls (SEEDA) Chief Superintendent Brendan O'Dowda (Thames Valley Police) Catherine Mountford and Jonathan McWilliam (Oxfordshire PCT) Chris Farthing (GOSE) Alison Baxter (OCVA) Councillor Tony de Vere (Vale of White horse District Council) Sarah Rusby (Learning and Skills Council),	-

2	Notes of the meeting held on 6 July 2009	Agreed	-
3	Comprehensive Area Assessment	<p>Presentation by Robert Hathaway (Audit Commission)</p> <p>Robert set out a timeline for publication of the Area and Organisational Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging draft text – 8 September 2009 • Report to Oxfordshire Chief Executives – 10 September 2009 • Initial publication of assessments – 16 October 2009 <p>He reported significant changes to the way the assessments would be reported in order to be clearer and more direct. The intention was to share as much information as possible.</p>	Noted
4	Performance Management	LAA2 Q1 Report	<p>Approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remedial actions in respect of those red targets as set out in the report • Note the report by the Oxfordshire Children's trust Board and agree the actions and initiatives identified therein as satisfactory.

		<p>Proposed developments to current performance reporting arrangements to reflect the revised governance arrangements giving thematic partnerships primary responsibilities for delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAA2 targets • Sustainability County Strategy (Oxfordshire 2009) • National Indicator Set 	Revisions to performance reporting arrangements agreed.
5	LAA1 Performance Reward Grant	<p>The Board considered revised allocations in the light of recommendations from the Steering Group.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the following bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Becoming a world class economy</i> Further work required to review economic changes and set out a process and timetable to take this forward • <i>Grant Pot for Voluntary and Community Sector</i> Concerns expressed regarding duplication of work. Chief Executives to consider this in conjunction with representatives of OCVA. • <i>Understanding Needs of Vulnerable Communities in Oxfordshire</i> Again concerns regarding duplication. Steering Group asked to reconsider this. 	See attached schedule for decisions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Development Support for reinstating £94K <p>Need to build in safeguards (Exit Strategy) where bids involve ongoing revenue costs.</p>	
6	Future meetings, Forward plan		<p>Dates noted</p> <p>Comprehensive Area Assessment to be added to Forward Plan</p> <p>Lead officers of Thematic Partnerships to be invited to attend.</p>

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DECISIONS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF THE 50% OF THE PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT HELD BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

Recommendations

1. The recommendations for each bid are listed in the table below.
2. The current proposals do not evenly balance capital and revenue expenditure. Bidders shall be mindful of the requirement to do so, and if seeking to do otherwise, in order to achieve the aims of their bid, then they must provide a justification together with an illustration of what can be achieved if the 50% capital / 50% revenue split is adhered to.
3. Not all reward grant is allocated at this stage and the PSB shall consider further allocations in the future.

Bid Title	Capital	Revenue	Public Service Board recommendation
Breaking the Cycle Deprivation	£500k	£500k	<p>AGREED subject to further work by 5 Chief Execs Group to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tighten focus, scope and clarify outcomes. • Balance capital / revenue spend. • Ensure that areas of deprivation are based on the most deprived Super Output Areas (as ward level data can mask pockets of high deprivation). <p>It is proposed that the Group shall report on progress to the PSB on 18 November.</p>
Becoming a World Class Economy	£500k	£500k	<p>The PSB AGREED that up to £1M shall continue to be allocated against this priority. However, the existing bid was NOT AGREED in its current format. Board members expressed concern about the over reliance on the creation of new posts and the sustainability of projects in the current financial climate given that this is one-off grant. It was agreed that the Chief Executives Group should review the current bid with the OEP and the OL&SP and report back to the next meeting with a progress report including a timetable for completion of revised proposals which should address practical help to local businesses to tackle the recession and reflect the evidence base of need emerging from the economic assessment.</p> <p>Chief Executives were asked to ensure that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OEP/OL&SP clarify the proposed use of the 50% of reward grant going direct to the partners for skills projects. • That the bid reflected early findings in the Oxfordshire economic assessment. • The bid aims to improve outcomes for deprived communities and groups • The final bid clearly articulates outcomes and demonstrates sustainability. • The bid achieves 50/50 capital/revenue spend balance. • That the outcomes proposed in the Skills Build and Business in the Community bids are considered as part of this process.

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Climate change Amalgamated bid from partnership.	£250k	£250k	AGREED subject to sign off by the Environment & Waste Partnership to ensure that the proposed development work with schools is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over and above any other climate change / schools initiatives and • Is targeted at schools in most deprived areas. • And that the Energy Incentive Scheme is targeted to areas of high fuel poverty and/or most deprived areas.
Safer Communities	£250k	£250k	AGREED subject to there being further challenge within the OSCP/CDRPs/partners organisations to ensure that this bid and the 50% of reward going direct to partners is aligned with the OSCP and Oxfordshire 2030 priorities.
Grant pot for voluntary and community sector	£250k	£250k	Members AGREED to reserve £500k for a grant pot for the voluntary and community sector but expressed concern about the level of expenditure proposed for administration of the scheme. It was suggested that the administration could be undertaken by existing staff in local authorities on behalf of the OCVA in order to maximise funds going direct to front line projects in voluntary organisations. The Chief Executive's group were authorised to agree a way forward with OCVA and report back at the next meeting where a final decision will be made. This would also enable Alison Baxter (who could not be present at this meeting) to be present to discuss the proposal.
Understanding the needs of vulnerable communities in Oxfordshire	£40k	£60k	NOT AGREED, however, the PSB requested that OSCA and the LAA Steering group have further discussions about this bid and bring a proposal back to the November 18 PSB that clarifies aims and outcomes, and how this links in with other existing groups across the county. It was agreed that Alison Baxter (who could not be present at this meeting) should have the opportunity to present the bid at the meeting.

Bid Title	Capital	Revenue	Public Service Board recommendation
LAA manager (Capacity bid by County Council on behalf of the partners responsible for the delivery of LAA targets.)		£50k	AGREED for financial year 2009/2010 subject to review at the end of December 2009 which shall include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actual costs incurred during this financial year • The need for further work to be undertaken in 2010/2011 and its costs.
Partnership development (Capacity bid made on behalf of district councils)		£50k	AGREED for financial year 2009/2010 subject to review at the end of December 2009.
Self-Build Project	£300k	£24K	AGREED subject to planning permission renewal and further work to develop suitable stakeholders group and project management arrangements.
Data Observatory	A bid is not being put forward at this stage.		
OTHER BIDS			
Skills Build	NOT AGREED but it is proposed that the outcomes set out in the Skills Build bid be discussed with the OL&SP so that they may be considered along with plans for the expenditure of the 50% of the LAA1 Skills target reward that will go to the OL&SP.		
Business in the Community	NOT AGREED but proposed that the OEP/OL&SP shall review whether this can be included within the World Class Economy bid and/or through the 50% of LAA reward going direct to partners.		
Reducing health inequalities – mental health.	NOT AGREED but proposed that Health and Well-being Partnership give further consideration to the outcomes set out in this bid for the 50% of LAA reward grant funding going direct to the partnership.		

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Hate crime reduction (MANTRA)		NOT AGREED	
Banbury Skills Centre		NOT AGREED	
National Indicators research		Round 2 bid not received	
Enterprise Centre - East Oxford		Round 2 bid not received	

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