

Oxfordshire Partnership Board
Notes of meeting: Monday 23 June 2008

No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies	<p>Brigadier Wade, Commander HQ 145 (South Brigade) was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies and substitutions were reported as follows:</p> <p>Mr Joe Barclay attended in place of Dr Julie Maxton</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Ch. Ins. Dennis Evernden, Kester George, Fred Hucker, Ross Hurley, Professor John Raftery and Councillor Barry Wood</p> <p>Officers in attendance:</p> <p>Joanna Simons, Stephen Capaldi, Paul James, Jayne Dunn Claire Evans, Claire Phillips and Sue Whitehead (Oxfordshire County Council);</p> <p>Val Johnston and Toby Warren, Voluntary Sector Development Partnership Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health Jackie Wilderspin (Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust)</p>	
2.	Note of last meeting and any Matters Arising	<p>The note of the meeting of the Oxfordshire Partnership held on 7 March 2008 was agreed subject to the addition of the following wording to Item 4 on LAA2:</p> <p>‘Members agreed to ensure that their organisations were formally signed-up to the choice of LAA indicators and the broad objectives detailed for each target as described in the papers circulated for the LAA2 item.’</p>	Sue Whitehead

<p>3.</p>	<p>Oxfordshire 2030</p>	<p>The Partnership received a presentation summarising the comments received during the consultation period; setting out the main changes to the Strategy and highlighting the Delivery Plan and timetable for consultation with the public.</p> <p>During consideration of the revised Strategy and Delivery plan section by section the following were amongst the points raised:</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More detail was needed on transport issues particularly in relation to subsidy in some rural areas; • The reference to waste management on page 11 provided an opportunity to link to the wider sustainability agenda. <p>World Class Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that it would be useful to include the Partnership's definition of a world class economy; • It was suggested that the measure of success on page 14 in relation to education and skills could be more ambitious and it was queried whether there should be an indicator in world terms as well as national; • Reference to the military context in Oxfordshire could be made in this Section or under 'Thriving Communities'; • There was support for the inclusion of a transport indicator and congestion was seen by businesses as an inhibitor to economic success; <p>Healthy and Thriving Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to 3,000 voluntary community groups was felt to be an underestimate and it should be 'at least 3,000'; • There was some discussion of the wider context of building communities over and above the built environment; • It was felt that the rural context was being lost; the loss of rural services was not recognised and that small changes could result in disproportionately large consequences; the role of rural schools in the local community was highlighted; 	<p>Claire Evans</p>
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		<p>that wording be supplied by Bob Walding with regard to measures of success on page 14 in relation to education and skills;</p> <p>that with regard to the Healthy and Thriving Communities section that wording be supplied by Linda Watson and John Robertson in relation to the rural context; and</p> <p>that the Local Strategic Partnership Chairmen liaise on the contents and formatting of the Local Distinctiveness sections.</p>	
4.	Local Area Agreement 2	<p>Jayne Dunn gave a verbal update on the current position, indicating that the majority of targets had been agreed, and noting that a statement had been included in respect of some targets that subject to the way that baselines and targets developed the Partnership would be keen to re-negotiate them if necessary. She added that there was an opportunity to refresh the agreement at the end of Year 1. The Public Service Board would monitor milestones.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>	Jayne Dunn
5.	An update on the work of our partnerships.	<p>Mary Harpley updated members on the governance work commissioned by the Public Service Board (PSB). Emerging recommendations would be considered by the PSB in September with a report to the Oxfordshire Partnership in November.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	Claire Evans
6.	Progress through Partnerships	Noted.	Claire Phillips
7.	Director of Public Health Annual report	<p>In outlining the public health challenges, Jonathan McWilliam, highlighted the links between poor health outcomes for some people and breaking the cycle of deprivation. He suggested that a way forward was to focus on those few most deprived areas with a view to dealing with outstanding issues in a long term way.</p> <p>During discussion there was support for taking forward consideration of this approach as a pilot in the areas of Oxford and Banbury, with possibly a third area to be identified. However the needs of the rural communities were also</p>	Jonathan McWilliam

		<p>highlighted and, in particular, the needs of the young and the elderly. The impact of housing on deprived areas was recognised and the opportunities within skills and learning to target funding into the most deprived areas was also noted. The contribution that could be made by the voluntary sector was identified.</p> <p>Bob Walding asked that the LSC and Job Centre Plus be included in proposals.</p> <p>The Partnership AGREED that a report be submitted to the next meeting on the approach and in particular on the third area for inclusion in any future pilot scheme.</p>	
8.	Any Other Business	None	
9.	Future Meetings/ Forward Plan	<p>The dates and revised times of future meetings, together with a Forward Plan setting down the matters to be discussed was AGREED by the Partnership.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 2.00pm. Members of the Partnership will be notified of the venue for this meeting.</p>	<p>Claire Evans)))) Sue Whitehead</p>

Annex A:
23 June 2008
Members present

Organisation / sector		Members
County Council	Cllr K Mitchell	Leader of the Council – Chairman
Health	Apology received from Fred Hucker	Chairman, Primary Care Trust
Thames Valley Police	Francis Habgood	Thames Valley Police
District Councils	Not present - Cllr B Price Cllr Ann Ducker Cllr B Norton Apology received from Cllr B Wood Tony de Vere	Leader Oxford City Council Leader South Oxfordshire District Council Leader West Oxfordshire District Council Leader Cherwell District Council Leader Vale of White Horse District Council
District LSPs	Not present - Peter Couchman Rev John Robertson Mary Harpley Bishop Colin Fletcher Apology received from Ch Ins Dennis Evernden	Chairman Oxford Strategic Partnership Chairman Vale Partnership Chairman Cherwell Community Planning Partnership Chairman South Oxfordshire Partnership Chairman West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership
Parish / Town Council	<i>City:</i> Cllr M J Leeding <i>South Oxfordshire:</i> Apology received from Cllr Kester George <i>Vale of White Horse:</i> Cllr Ian Charlton <i>West Oxfordshire:</i> Mrs Catherine Hitchens <i>Cherwell:</i> Cllr David Wood	Up to 5 representatives. Further consultation is required with 3 rd tier authorities / the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to clarify representation.

Learning, skills, education	Bob Walding Joe Barclay attended for Julie Maxton Apology received from Prof John Raftery Tbc	Executive Director Learning and Skills Council Thames Valley Registrar Oxford University Pro Vice-Chancellor (External) Oxford Brookes University Chairman of the Learning Partnership
Private Sector	Frank Nigriello Derek Holmes Not present - Nick Merry Not present - Elizabeth Sale Miranda Markham	Chairman of Oxfordshire Economic Partnership Editor Oxford Times Chairman Oxford United Football Club President Oxfordshire Chamber of Commerce Community Relations Manager, Value Retail
Government Office for the South East	Di Morrish	GOSE Locality Manager for Oxfordshire (Thames Valley)
SEEDA	Apology received from Ross Hurley	Area Director
Voluntary, Community and faith sectors.	Alison Baxter Not present - Bede Gerrard Not present - Colette Selwood Not present - Chris Fletcher-Campbell	Director, Oxfordshire Community Voluntary Action County Ecumenical Officer, Churches together in Oxfordshire Voluntary and Community Sector elected representative Voluntary and Community Sector elected representative
BME Sector	Patrick Tolani	Director, Oxfordshire Racial Equality Council
Culture, Tourism & Leisure	Sarah Maxfield	Chief Executive, Oxford Inspires Further consultation is required with the sector to clarify representation.
Environment	Robin Buxton	Chairman, Oxfordshire Environment Group Further consultation is required with the network of forums and partnerships in this area to clarify representation.
Rural communities	Linda Watson	Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council.
Total		36 members
Others who attend as required / by invitation.		

County Council Health Other ...	County Council - Chief Executive. District Chief Executives Chief Executive PCT Director of Public Health Chairmen of the thematic partnerships – for example: Children and Young People's Partnership. Purpose is to link these partnerships with this Board and report on LAA and other strategic targets and emerging issues.
Support Team	Partnership's Unit, Corporate Core, Oxfordshire County Council