

Oxfordshire Partnership Meeting – 26 November 2008

Progress through Partnership 2009/10

The Progress through Partnership (PtP) programme that started in 2007/08 has secured regional funding to continue providing capacity building support to local strategic partnerships across the south east for three years to 2010/11.

There are three strands to PtP support for LSPs,

- Knowledge hub: a central point of information exchange and knowledge for all LSPs in the south east region, including newsletters and events
- Central fund: A fund from which every LSP in the region can claim cash support for bespoke development activities
- Programme of regional support: a range of specific projects and development activities for Members, Partners and Practitioners.

We are benefiting from all elements of the programme. The central fund in particular provides us the opportunity to use funding available specifically for activities that we identify as important.

Self Assessment

We have recently completed our second self-assessment of the Oxfordshire Partnership which shows that we have made progress in the last year. There remain a number of areas where further development has been identified and these will be addressed in the activities we have prioritised for our central fund allocation.

Oxfordshire's bid to the Central fund

Last year we received £6,000 of which £4,000 was pooled by all six of the Oxfordshire LSPs. This year the funding available in the central pot has reduced to a maximum of £4,000 per LSP. The Oxfordshire LSP Chairmen have again agreed to pool some of the allocation (£1,000 per LSP) to pursue joint activities. LSP officers are working on a joint Oxfordshire LSPs development plan setting out joint and individual priorities for development activity. This will be the basis for applying for further funds through PtP and any other funding that becomes available.

For 2008/09 we have submitted a bid for a jointly developed programme of work on performance management within our LSPs and a shared LSPs communications strategy.

For the remaining £3,000 of our PtP allocation we have prioritised further work to develop the process for resourcing partnership targets, in particular the use of Area Based Grant linked to the Local Area Agreement. And secondly to develop skills of lead officers across the Oxfordshire Partnership family of partnerships following the governance review.

We will continue to update you on the progress of our central fund activities and any opportunities of interest provided by PtP regionally.

If you would like further information then please do let me know.

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