

**Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement: Public Service Board
Thursday 19th October 2006, 10-12, Meeting Room 1, County Hall**

Minutes

Main purpose of the meeting: Monitor performance on stretch targets in the first quarter

No.	Item	Notes	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies	<p>Members: Cllr Keith Mitchell – Chairman (Leader, OCC), Bill Bradshaw (Thames Valley Police), Cllr Ann Ducker (Leader, South Oxfordshire DC), Cllr John Goddard (Leader, Oxford City Council), Ross Hurley (SEEDA), Cllr Barry Norton (Leader, West Oxfordshire District Council), Glynis Phillips (NHS South Central), Sarah Rusby (MKOB LSC), Cllr Tony de Vere (Leader, Vale of White Horse DC)</p> <p>Officers:, David Buckle (Chief Executive, South Oxfordshire DC), Caroline Bull (Chief Executive, Oxford City Council), Paul James (Head of Partnerships, Oxfordshire County Council), Shaun Morley (Thames Valley Police), Claire Phillips (OCP Officer, Oxfordshire County Council), Terry Stock (Vale of White Horse DC), Joanna Simons (Chief Executive, Oxfordshire County Council), Andrew Tucker (Acting Chief Executive, West Oxfordshire DC), Faith Charnock-Wilson (Government Office of the South East)</p> <p>Attending for item 3, Block representatives: Gillian Tee (OCC), Mike Simm (OCC), Devand Mahabir (OCC)</p> <p>Attending for item 5, Performance Management: Paul Edwards (OCC)</p> <p>Apologies: David Ansell (MKOB LSC), Mary Harpley (Chief Executive Cherwell DC), Dr Jonathan McWilliam (Dir of Pub Health, Oxon PCT), Cllr Jerry Patterson (Leader, Vale of White Horse DC), Dr Simon Tanner (NHS South Central), Prof Graham Upton (Chairman OCP), Deborah Wharton (SEEDA), Cllr Barry Wood (Leader, Cherwell DC), Andrea Young (Chief Executive, Oxford City PCT)</p> <p>Joanna Simons noted that Dr Jonathan McWilliam has been appointed jointly to the position of Director of Public Health by Oxfordshire PCT and Oxfordshire County Council. His involvement in the board will be welcomed.</p>	
2.	Notes from previous	Val Johnson attended the last meeting on behalf of the City Council	

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	meetings	Notes agreed	
3.	Stretch target performance update	<p>CYP block - Gillian Tee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper attached with details of progress on targets • 2 stretch indicators are currently on track (% pupils achieving GCSE A*-C and % children leaving care achieving 1 GCSE A-G) • 1 stretch indicator (% Children in Care achieving 5 GCSE A-G grades) is currently not on target • Oxfordshire's strategy and services to reduce unwanted teenage conceptions have been identified as a priority for recommissioning by the new CYP Board. A report on the outcome of the recommissioning work will be presented to the Board in February 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE data disaggregated by district was requested via the minutes • Report on teenage pregnancy to be reported to this board • Teenage conception data disaggregated by district was also requested <p>HCOP block - Devand Mahabir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement of the intensive home support target will shortly change to a more accurate method. Progress on the trajectory is slightly below target at this stage but it is hoped that this can be recovered. • Falls reduction stretch target, activity to date has been on recruiting a falls specialist to take the project forward within care homes. • There was concern whether data from care homes was robust enough for monitoring purposes and this will be developed further. Feedback from the NHS has been positive on this work because hospital admissions and fractures have been reduced. <p>Safer Communities - Mike Simm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets in this block have been quite prescriptive, reflecting government priorities but performance is very positive. All but one targets have a non-OCC lead. • Reduction in young offending stretch target may be achieved in the first year. • Domestic violence target could be exceeded in the first year of delivery because detections and sanctions as a result of campaigns have been very successful. 	<p>Data by district to be provided as soon as possible</p>

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		<p>Economic Development and Enterprise - Paul James on behalf of Dave Waller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult skills stretch target information is only available from the LSC in November. Performance is considered to be on track. • Rural strategy additional commitment is progressing through the 'Understanding Rural Oxfordshire' project. • There are problems around the Young Enterprise target funding which needs matched funding. Discussions with SEEDA and OCC are ongoing. • Proposal is to change the scope of the tourism non-stretch target to focus on the branding and marketing of Oxfordshire through improved partnership working. • There was concern that the tourism target is no longer focusing on increasing the number of overnight stays which was an agreed priority. The two clear brands of Oxford and the Oxfordshire Cotswolds may cause difficulties in branding for the whole county. • Agreed to receive a report on the tourism target at the next meeting. <p>Stronger Communities - Paul James</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data for targets will be available in December following the Mori residents' satisfaction survey. • The former OVID and Compact groups are taking over as the Stronger Communities group. <p>Clean and Green- David Buckle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work underway to look at data and measurement in each district to ensure that a consistent methodology is used. • Currently, the 'combined deposits of litter and detritus' indicator is measured every four months. There is reluctance to provide data this frequently, however, as there is large seasonal variation that may be misleading. • It was noted that seasonal variations could be worked into the projections and performance could be measured against previous years. 	<p>Report on tourism target to come to the next meeting</p>
4.	Six-month review	Six-month review meeting will take place with GOSE on November 6 th . GOSE will focus on progress within each block with block leads individually. Performance data and details of financial spend will be included. GOSE have identified key areas	Report to GOSE will be circulated to PSB by end of November.

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		<p>on which they wish to focus but it will be a 'light touch' review. A headline report on our performance will be sent from GOSE to DCLG.</p>	
5.	Performance Management System	<p>The paper on the development of a web-enabled performance management system was received and agreed. A joint agency Performance Management Working Group has been set up and is involved in the procurement of the system.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been no expenditure on this project to date and members emphasised the desire to minimise costs and ensure a simple system be developed.</p>	
6.	Affordable Housing/ 12th target	<p>Oxfordshire Members Affordable Housing Group met on 13th October and agreed the paper presented here (with amendments to paragraph 11b and 13a) noting the decision to develop a countywide housing perspective with a view to developing a housing strategy in the longer term.</p> <p>It was noted that the LAA commitment is specifically to develop an affordable housing strategy and that this requirement should be reflected in the objectives of the new group.</p> <p>It was agreed that other housing groups should be wound down by the end of the 2006/07 financial year to improve governance in this area.</p> <p>Progress on the new arrangements will be reviewed after one year.</p>	<p>New Affordable Housing group terms of reference to be amended to reflect LAA commitment and relationship to PSB.</p>
7.	Annual refresh	<p>The first draft of the annual refresh was submitted to GOSE at the end of September. It is not possible to provide baselines and targets for a large number of the mandatory outcomes because these are measured through the residents' satisfaction survey currently taking place. The approach has been to focus on the mandatory targets that are largely Home Office priorities.</p> <p>Further amendments are expected to a number of non-stretch targets to refine data collection arrangements.</p> <p>There is greater pooling of budgets in the LAA as the government's intention is to drive funding through a single pot in future and manage expenditure through a complex performance framework.</p> <p>There was concern that funding going direct to partners will, in future, come centrally and ultimately mean losses.</p>	<p>Report on financial implications and pooled funding to be brought to a future meeting</p>
8.	Date of next meeting	<p>Wednesday 29th November 2006, 2-4pm St Aldate's Parish Centre, Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP</p>	

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Local Area Agreement: Children & Young People's Block

Progress

All the Local Area Agreement targets relating to children and young people are an integral part of Oxfordshire's Children and Young People's Plan. A multiagency Children and Young People's Plan leads group (including identified leads for each target) meets monthly to monitor progress in relation to the targets. Two Sounding Boards (one comprising children and young people and one comprising parents and carers) also meet regularly to provide their feedback about progress. There are regular progress reports to the Children and Young People's Partnership and Board with a particular focus on areas where outcomes are not improving and barriers need to be addressed.

Areas where the partnership is on track to deliver the outcomes in the LAA:

- The number of accredited healthy schools has increased from 30 in 2004/5 to 121 in 2006/7. The partnership is on track to validate 160 healthy schools by April 2007.
- **The % Y11 pupils achieving 5 GCSE A* to C including English and Maths has increased from 45.3% in 2005 to 47.4% in 2006.**
- **The % children leaving care achieving 1 GCSE A to G has increased from 49% in 2005 to 55% in 2006 (Q2)**
- The % half days missed at school by children looked after has reduced from 13% in 2005 to 7.15% in 2006 (Q2).
- The % children looked after in stable placements has increased from 70.6% in 2005 to 78.0% in 2006.
- The number of homeless 16-17 year old has reduced from 250 (2005) to 46 in 2006.
- The number of children's centres has increased from 2 in 2005 to 12 in 2006 (Q2) and the number of families supported through Children's Centres has increased from 2,600 (2004/5) to 3,350 in 2006 (Q2).

The following targets are also on track but data will not be available until later in the year:

- % young people participating in youth service activity
- % school children aged 5-16 who have 2 hours sport and PE (data available in November)
- The number of children walking and cycling to school (data available in November)

Areas which are not yet on track and require further improvement:

- Teenage conceptions have reduced from 34.7 per 1000 in 2003 to 34.3 (2004) but the targets are very challenging and the 2005 data is not yet available.
- **The % Children in Care achieving 5 GCSE A to G or equivalent at 52% (2006) is below the target of 59%**
- The % young people not in education, employment or training is low in comparison with similar authorities but increasing.

Gillian Tee, Head of Children & Young People's Service (October 2006)