

**Governance review:  
Update on progress with the review of governance,  
including dates for consultation and agreement.**

**1: The review**

The Public Service Board (PSB) commissioned a review of the governance arrangements of the partnerships which shall contribute to the delivery of the targets in the *Oxfordshire 2030* Delivery Plan. The PSB is keen to ensure that governance arrangements are robust and fit for the purpose of delivering on our pledges.

Mary Harpley (Chief Executive, Cherwell District Council) and David Neudegg (Chief Executive, West Oxfordshire District Council) are leading the review, supported by Paul James (Head of Partnership Working, County Council) and officers from district councils.

The PSB considered the initial findings at their September 2008 meeting and asked that consultations continue so that proposals can be agreed at the February 2009 meeting of the PSB.

**2: Outcomes aimed for as a result of the review:**

- Strong and effective partnerships that improve outcomes by setting clear priorities within the county-wide strategic framework (*Oxfordshire 2030*).
- Resources are matched to priorities and targets.
- Membership and leadership is effective and is representative of our diverse communities.
- Partnerships have a clear understanding of the bigger picture of issues and priorities and cross-cutting issues in the county, the region and nationally.
- Clear communication across partnerships and with the Public Service Board.
- Partnerships have effective arrangements for engaging and working with front line services, organisations and the public.
- A strong performance, risk management and communication framework is in place.
- Links with county, district and local partnerships are effective.
- Partnerships meet in public and information is accessible to all.

**3: Next steps:**

The working group have received considerable feedback on the initial findings and proposals. The group met on 27 October 2008 to discuss these responses and agreed that:

- The feedback received was extremely useful for the development of proposals which shall improve the governance of, and communication between, partnerships;
- The group shall conduct face to face meetings with all partnerships in November and December to discuss proposals, issues and concerns.
- An interim report on progress shall be circulated in December to the PSB and all partners.
- Final proposals shall be developed with partnerships in January.

#### **4: Timetable**

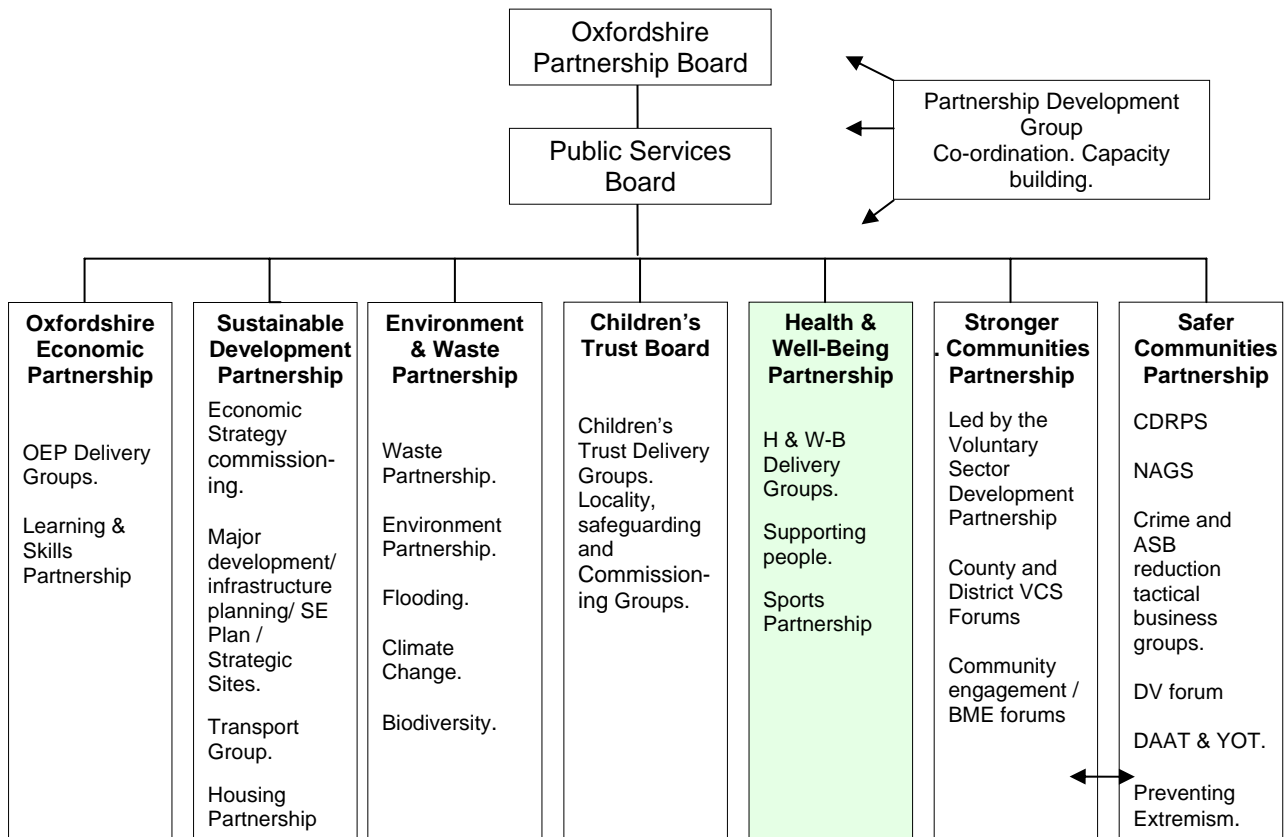
- Proposals shall be considered by the PSB at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- Agreed changes to be implemented from April 2009.

#### **5: Key areas for discussion by the health and wellbeing board:**

- Feedback on the proposed structure. Your views about what works.
- Delivery and performance management arrangements for targets.
- Membership and leadership.
- Consultation and engagement.
- Engagement with local partnerships including district Local Strategic Partnerships.

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# Proposed structure diagram



DISTRICT Local Strategic Partnerships link where they need to / promote important local issues.