

Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Partnership

Full Partnership Meeting

County Hall Oxford 10.00 am

Minutes

6th June 2011

Attendees	Organisation:
Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (Chairman)	Oxfordshire County Council
Huw Jones	Oxfordshire County Council
Martin Tugwell	Oxfordshire County Council
Ian Walker	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Barry Wood	Cherwell District Council
John Hoad	Cherwell District Council
Cllr Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
Mark Jaggard	Oxford City Council
Cllr Matthew Barber	Vale of White Horse District Council
Cllr Roger Cox	Vale of White Horse District Council
Cllr Dorothy Brown	South Oxfordshire District Council
Anna Robinson	South Oxfordshire/ Vale of White Horse District Councils
Cllr Barry Norton	West Oxfordshire District Council
David Neudegg	West Oxfordshire District Council
Martin Dare-Edwards	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Chairman)
Lindsay Tift	Homes & Communities Agency
Sally Coble	Environment Agency
Catherine Mountford	PCT
<i>Apologies</i>	
Cllr Anne Ducker	South Oxfordshire District Council
David Warburton	Homes & Communities Agency

1. Minutes of meeting 14th March 2011

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

2. Matters arising and for information : None

3. Affordable Homes Programme

Anna Robinson gave a presentation (attached) on the SPIP response to the bids to the HCA Affordable Homes Programme. The low level of bids for extra care and rural housing was noted and it was agreed that the SPIP Exec would look at these issues. There was discussion about the pressures on funding for infrastructure and providing for affordable housing and the need for SPIP to be proactive in

developing priorities for the delivery of housing. The tight timetable for completion of the HCA programme made it unlikely to change much in the short term. It was agreed that SPIP representatives should meet with developers and housing providers to discuss affordable housing provision and seek to start to influence the development of the affordable homes programme over the next 2/3 years. The issue of funding going elsewhere was discussed and it was agreed that this should be followed up with a letter to the Minister.

ACTION:

- A letter is to be drafted to Government about the issue of where funding for affordable housing is being directed to and related issues (AR)
- A meeting is to be arranged with developers and housing providers (Oxford City)
- SPIP to look in particular at issues around low level of bids for ECH and rural housing (SPIP Exec)
- A map showing strategic housing sites to be circulated (IPW).

4. Local Enterprise Partnership.

Martin Dare-Edwards (LEP Chairman) outlined the work of and priorities for the LEP in creating, facilitating and promoting new opportunities with a focus on increasing high value sustainable jobs. The overall priority is to increase inward investment to support existing businesses linked to promoting a few key areas that Oxfordshire could be a world leader on. Key issues include the need for suitable space of the right type and location, E-W rail, broadband, skills, housing and planning i.e. a potential enterprise zone and local development orders. In discussion it was noted that SPIP members who are on the LEP board provide a link between work streams e.g. around strategic sites and infrastructure and that SPIP can help with "capacity" issues.

5. Rail Network

Martin Tugwell gave a presentation (attached) on planned improvements to the Rail Network in Oxfordshire. In discussion it was agreed that thought should be given to promoting what is planned.

ACTION: SPIP Exec to consider how to promote greater awareness of planned rail improvements and their significance. Adrian Shooter (Chiltern Rail) to be invited to a future SPIP meeting when the decision on Evergreen 3 was known.

6. HS2

Cllr Lindsay -Gale referred to the motion opposing HS2 that had been agreed by the County Council in May. Discussion was around whether there was a potential response to the consultation from SPIP that all the local authorities might be able to sign up to. It was agreed that a response to the consultation questioning the business case should be drafted.

ACTION: Oxon CC officers to lead on drafting a possible SPIP response to the consultation on HS2 questioning the business case, for the Oxfordshire local authority leaders to consider signing up to as a joint response.

7. Asset Management

Martin Tugwell outlined the work the County Council were doing on Asset Management, which related to bids for big society funds, requests for use of community facilities, locality reviews and taking forward ideas in the Localism Bill i.e. register of community assets. In discussion there was general support for a collective look at property assets to get more efficient use, with policy development initially being through Chief Executives and Leaders group but with SPIP having a potential role in delivery.

8. Work Programme

A draft work programme was circulated with the agenda. It was recognised that the programme needed to be refined to give a sharper focus on delivery of key priorities in the short term and kept under review

ACTION: Programme to be refined in terms of timings of delivery

9. Date of Next meeting: to be fixed for September