

Annex 4:

Oxfordshire Community Partnership Vision Statement

Oxfordshire Community Partnership brings together the key local organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to focus effort on the issues that matter most to local people and communities. The Partnership has provided support in the development of the Understanding Oxfordshire project.

The project has produced a clear picture of the issues facing the County over the next 15 years and this has contributed to the OCP vision, strategic goals and challenges set out below. Priorities and action programmes will be agreed within the Local Area Agreement now being developed by the OCP Public Service Board and by Ambition Groups.

Vision for Oxfordshire:

“We want Oxfordshire to be a thriving county which adapts to a changing world but remains a special place in which to work, live and visit”

Strategic Goals:

The Partnership has identified four broad goals to help focus action to deliver the vision:

- To help children and young people to realise their full potential
- To promote healthy, safe and active living for all age groups
- To build strong and inclusive communities with pride of place, a sense of belonging and active participation
- To support economic growth based on technological excellence and respect for the environment

Specific objectives will be developed within the Local Area Agreement in order to achieve these goals. We have assumed that the following challenges will need to be addressed:

Challenge 1: To help children and young people to realise their full potential by focusing on:

- High standards of educational achievement
- Healthy and active lifestyles for all children and young people in Oxfordshire
- Good life chances of looked after children
- Good child and adolescent mental health services
- Protection and support for vulnerable children and young people

Challenge 2: To promote healthy, safe and active living for all ages by focusing on:

- Promotion of lifestyles which include a healthy diet and regular physical exercise
- The impact of low income households on health
- An adequate supply of care home beds to satisfy long term needs
- Supported housing to enable independent living
- Mental health wellbeing
- Widespread involvement in community life
- Safety on our roads

Challenge 3: To build strong and inclusive communities with a pride of place, a sense of belonging and active participation by focusing on:

- Promoting active citizenship
- Preventing the illegal sale of tobacco and alcohol to children and young people
- Domestic violence

- Strengthening the voluntary and community infrastructure
- Encouraging people to be volunteers in the community
- Drug treatment services for children and young people

Challenge 4: To support economic growth based on technological excellence and respect for the environment by focusing on:

- Oxfordshire as an international destination
- A clean and green Oxfordshire
- Affordable housing
- Traffic congestion
- Economic growth which is qualitative as much as quantitative
- Good transport access across services and employment from urban & rural areas
- Effective management of waste and pollution
- Labour force skills
- Support and information to entrepreneurs
- Reducing barriers to participation in the economy e.g. planning, red tape, insufficient skills
- Protection and enhancement of the natural environment
- Efficient and effective use of natural resources

We do recognise that a number of these challenges are inter-related e.g. educational attainment is vital for helping children and young people to realise their full potential as it is for supporting economic growth