

## OXFORDSHIRE GROWTH BOARD

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday, 30 November 2016 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 3.10 pm

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Ian Hudspeth – in the Chair

City Councillor Bob Price (Vice-Chairman)  
District Councillor Matthew Barber  
District Councillor John Cotton  
District Councillor James F. Mills  
District Councillor Barry Wood

**Also Present:**

Adrian Lockwood, Vice Chairman of OXLEP and Skills Board Representative  
Alistair Fitt, Universities Representative  
Richard Venables, OXLEP Business Representative – Oxford City  
Andrew Harrison, OXLEP Business Representative – Science Vale  
David Warburton, Home and Communities  
Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive OXLEP  
Jeanne Capay, Environment Agency

**Officers:**

Peter Clark, County Director, Oxfordshire County Council  
David Edwards, Executive Director, Regeneration and Housing, Oxford City Council  
Caroline Green, Assistant Chief Executive, Oxford City Council  
Christine Gore, Strategic Director, West Oxfordshire District Council  
David Hill, Chief Executive, South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse District Council  
Bev Hindle, Acting Director for Environment & Economy, Oxfordshire County Council  
Giles Hughes, West Oxfordshire District Council  
Paul Staines, Oxfordshire Growth Board Programme Manager  
Sue Whitehead (Corporate Services, Oxfordshire County Council)

*The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

## **49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

(Agenda No. 1)

Apologies were received from Jeremy Long, Phil Shadbolt and David Smith

## **50 MINUTES**

(Agenda No. 3)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

## **51 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Agenda No. 4)

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the item he had agreed as urgent business on the Autumn Statement 2016 Briefing Note on the East-West Rail and Oxford Cambridge Expressway be taken as the final item.

## **52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(Agenda No. 5)

In accordance with the Public Participation Scheme, the Chairman invited individuals and groups who had requested to address the meeting or who had submitted questions to present them to the Board.

Public Address:

Councillor Hards, County Councillor for Didcot addressed the Board in relation to agenda item 8, Growth Board Work Programme.

Councillor Greene, County Councillor for Didcot East & Hagbourne addressed the Board in relation to agenda item 8, Growth Board Work Programme. In response to a question from Councillor Greene, made as part of his address, regarding the position in relation to vital work at Haddon Hill, Abingdon the Chairman noted that they had not had final details of the Local Growth Fund Bid but he was sure that representations would be made. Councillor Cotton, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council added that he concurred with Councillor Greene's assessment of the importance of the project and hoped for a positive response.

Questions:

The Chairman advised that responses to the submitted question would be sent directly to the parties who had submitted them, made available on the Growth Board webpages and published with the minutes of the meeting.

## **53 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

(Agenda No. 6)

Jonathan Mc William, Director of Public Health presented his annual independent report that summarised key issues associated with the Public Health of the County.

The report included details of progress over the past year as well as information on future work.

The report and presentation covered the following areas: The Demographic Challenge; Building Healthy Communities; Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage; Lifestyles and Preventing Disease Before it Starts; Mental Health and Fighting Killer Diseases

Jonathan McWilliam responded to specific questions on tackling obesity, the healthy schools programme, the alignment of the 5 year STP with our 20 year plan, the role of e-cigarettes in supporting smokers to quit, mental health and the young and housing for life, making the following points:

1. On tackling obesity there was a need for a co-ordinated approach from everyone. It included planning communities, efforts at the national level, using local services better and in a more co-ordinated way, access to decent fresh food and education in schools.
2. Jonathan McWilliam acknowledged that the Healthy Schools Programme was very good but commented that it would require a great deal of resource.
3. Referring to the NHS STP he commented that the key locally was to make contact with the key stakeholders, to build up connections and to apply those basic principles of partnership working.
4. An opportunity existed for GP's to prescribe e-cigarettes on prescription but he wasn't aware if anyone had done so.
5. Mental health and the young was covered in the report and he outlined the approach to encourage young people to come forward when under stress.
6. In order to influence housing supply to encourage housing for life early involvement of health and social care professions was important. The challenge was to get from measures of demand to getting them built in a sensible way.

## **54 GROWTH BOARD WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW**

(Agenda No. 7)

The Growth Board considered a report that updated the Board on progress with developing its future work programme including a statement from the Chief Executives following recent meetings.

Councillor Cotton expressed concern over the housing figures to the last meeting in respect of the lack of differentiation between the general number and the numbers of affordable housing required. He referred to problems in his own area of meeting the current target for affordable housing. He noted that the needs of Oxford City was skewed towards the need for affordable housing and was worried that potentially houses would be built that did not meet this need. Councillor Price noted that affordability was a County wide issue. In their Local Plan there was no single definition but rather a concern to make housing available for the different groups that needed it.

Bev Hindle commented that in the figures there had been no distinguishing between affordable housing numbers and the rest and that a piece of work may be needed to

look particular need and to consider how it can be implemented through districts and their Local Plans.

**RESOLVED:** the Growth Board noted progress with developing its work programme to date and asked officers to look into a piece of work aimed at further distinguishing particular need within the overall housing figures in the SHMA.

**55 GROWTH DEAL AND CITY DEAL PROGRAMME REPORTS TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

(Agenda No. 8)

The Oxfordshire Growth Board received the City Deal and Growth Fund: Exception Report and appendix -City Deal and Growth Fund Programme Report: September 2016.

**RESOLVED:** to:

- (a) Note progress with the projects detailed in appendix one of this report.
- (b) Ask the Executive Officer Group(EOG) to review those projects flagged as amber- requiring monitoring- and develop proposals to bring the projects back to green status for the next meeting of the Board.

**56 MATTERS ARISING FROM LEP**

(Agenda No. 9)

The Oxfordshire Growth Board noted an update from Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, OXLEP on progress with the SEP refresh, on a successful science and innovation audits bid and on information on european structural funding.

**57 URGENT BUSINESS - AUTUMN STATEMENT 2016 BRIEFING NOTE ON EAST-WEST RAIL AND OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY**

(Agenda No. 10)

The Chairman had agreed that the item on the Autumn Statement 2016 Briefing Note on East-West Rail and Oxford-Cambridge Expressway be considered as an item of urgent business in order that consideration can be given to it in a timely manner.

Members considered the implications of the autumn statement on the East-West Rail and Oxford-Cambridge Expressway noting that additional funding would still be required to deliver East-West Rail but would allow work already committed to be completed. Although the links to Cambridge were a goal there needed to be a focus on the positive local benefits to be gained by individual phases. Responding to questions about whether the rail and road programmes would be complementary Bev Hindle, Acting Director for Environment & Economy, Oxfordshire County Council, indicated that work was at an early stage. Responding to comments that the detail of the road was important and seeking opportunities for the Oxfordshire Growth Board to influence the type of business case put forward, Bev Hindle confirmed that a piece

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of work was being undertaken on looking at common purpose and this would come back to the Board.

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Date of signing 2017