

CABINET – 27 NOVEMBER 2012

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Question received from the following Members:

Councillor Zoe Patrick to Councillor Ian Hudspeth

“What progress has been made on proposals for City and Central Oxfordshire Bid deal:

- i. The geographical area to be covered by central Oxfordshire; and
- ii. The governance arrangements that have to be submitted to the coalition Government by 15 January?”

Answer

“i) The Government's City Deal Prospectus is quite clear that the functional economic area should be the focus of bids coming forward for Wave 2. Consequently, the Oxfordshire bid will cover the County with a specific reference to the growth areas, namely Bicester, Oxford and Science Vale UK.

ii) The governance arrangements will build on the collaborative work undertaken in recent years by the Spatial Planning & Infrastructure Partnership (SPIP) Board and the linkages that are now in place with the Local Enterprise Partnership. Partners will be exploring how these arrangements might be developed further when developing the detail of the bid for submission on 15 January.”