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Cherwell District Council

Oxfordshire Growth Board

Minutes of a meeting of the Oxfordshire Growth Board held at Council Chamber, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 26 May 2016 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman) - Cherwell District Council
Councillor Ian Hudspeth (Vice-Chairman) - Oxfordshire County Council

Councillor John Cotton - South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor James Mills - West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Bob Price - Oxford City Council

Substitute Members: Councillor Roger Cox - Vale of White Horse (In place of Councillor Matthew Barber)

Also Present:: Nigel Tipple – Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
David Warburton - Director, Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Matthew Barber - Vale of White Horse District Council

Officers: David Edwards, Executive Director, Regeneration and Housing, Oxford City Council
Bev Hindle, Deputy Director, Strategy & Infrastructure Planning, Oxfordshire County Council
Christine Gore, Strategic Director, West Oxfordshire District Council
Adrian Colwell, Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy
Paul Staines, Oxfordshire Growth Board Programme Manager
Natasha Clark, Interim Democratic and Elections Manager
Aaron Hetherington, Democratic and Elections Officer

29 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

30 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 31 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillor James Mills, the new Leader at West Oxfordshire Council, to the Growth Board.
2. The Chairman advised that this would be the last meeting held by Cherwell District Council as the host authority.

32 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

33 **Post SHMA Work Programme Update Report**

The Growth Board Programme Manager submitted a report which provided the Growth Board (the Board) with an update on the Post-SHMA Strategic Work Programme (the Programme).

Resolved

- (1) That both progress of the Programme to date and the fact that it will not be achieved without the full continued commitment of all partners to the Programme, be noted and that commitment be reaffirmed.

34 **Growth Board Budget Summary**

The Growth Board Programme Manager submitted a report which provided a summary of partnership funds held on the Board's behalf by the lead authority, Cherwell District Council, as at 1 May 2016.

Resolved

- (1) That the budget position be noted

35 **Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy Brief**

The Deputy Director, Strategy & Infrastructure, Oxfordshire County Council submitted a report which presented the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy Brief

At its meeting on 31 March 2016, the Growth Board noted within the work programme that the Executive Officer Group (EOG) had supported the

development of an Infrastructure Strategy for Oxfordshire and that detailed project scoping should be prepared for Growth Board in May for approval.

Officers subsequently prepared a brief for the development of the strategy and this document was endorsed by the EOG on 12 May and it was now being submitted to the Growth Board for approval.

Resolved

- (1) That the brief for an Infrastructure Strategy for Oxfordshire (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.

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Strategic Economic Plan

The Chief Executive of the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) presented the report of the Economic Strategy Manager, OxLEP, which presented the Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire – Consultation Draft (SEP Refresh).

In response to Members' comments regarding the timetable, the OxLEP Chief Executive confirmed that the timetable would be reviewed to allow the councils to consider the SEP Refresh within their own authorities.

Resolved

- (1) That the implications on the SEP Refresh within the context of its on-going joint statutory work, including in particular its work on planning for infrastructure development in the medium to long term be noted.
- (2) That no particular comments on the SEP structure, priorities to 2020 and the identified commitments under each theme be made at this time.
- (3) That the OxLEP board be requested to set a timetable for the consultation and finalisation which would allow the councils to have deliberations within their own processes.
- (4) That the governance arrangement for delivering the SEP Refresh be noted.

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Oxfordshire Growth Board Work Programme

The Board considered its Work Programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the Work Programme be noted.

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Dates of Future Meetings

39 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm

Chairman:

Date: