

OXFORDSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING BODY

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REVIEW OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY

Background

1. Oxfordshire Supporting People Strategy would be reviewed in 2010-11 with a view to set strategic and financial objectives for the programme in 2011-2016. As part of this review, two key administrative elements of the programme - the eligibility criteria and charging policy would also be reviewed.

Way Forward

Overall Approach

2. It is proposed that this review is implemented as a dynamic and evolving piece of work, ensuring that where possible this work is:
 - (a) aligned with the day to day business of the Supporting People partnership (e.g. review of financial strategy for 2011-14)
 - (b) aligned with the work of other Oxfordshire thematic partnerships (e.g. review of Oxfordshire 2030 delivery plan)
 - (c) undertaken in a flexible way so that it could respond to key changes in the policy agenda expected to happen mid-way through this review (e.g. 2010 comprehensive spending review)
3. It is also proposed that key aim of this review is to improve on policy, practice and systems in place that are known to be working well, whilst identifying and recommending changes necessary to put the programme in good stead for the next five years.
4. Key deliverables of this review are:
 - Progress report on Supporting People Strategy 2008-11 to cover achievements to date, key challenges and lessons learnt.
 - Oxfordshire Supporting People Strategy 2011-16 to include:
 - Vision, values and strategic objectives for the programme
 - Objectives, key priorities and outcomes for groups of vulnerable people supported by the programme
 - Financial and risk management strategy for the programme
 - Key priorities and resources required to deliver this strategy
 - Administrative arrangements for the programme, including the eligibility criteria, charging policy, and other key processes (e.g. budget and performance monitoring).
5. It is suggested that to produce these key deliverables sound and relevant use should be made of the following available information, resources and tools:
 - Needs analysis information, e.g. Joint Strategic Needs Analysis, South East Needs Mapping tool
 - CLG cost benefit analysis tool to assess and demonstrate the programme's contribution to key local strategic priorities

- Benchmarking opportunities across thematic partnerships and across local authority boundaries.

Timetable

6. Timetable for the review is attached at annex 1.
7. It reflects the Commissioning Body members' request that they were given more than one opportunity to discuss emerging messages from the review, before being asked to take formal decisions.
8. Key aim of the first stage of the review, which commenced in March 2010, is to provide all stakeholders with an opportunity to review key fundamental principles on which Oxfordshire programme has been built:
 - What role does housing related support have in delivering positive outcomes for vulnerable people?
 - Which groups of vulnerable people benefit from this type of support and how?
 - What type of services should be commissioned to deliver these outcomes and how?
9. It is proposed that these discussions are taken forward at the following meetings:
 - Core Strategy Group meeting on 2 June
 - Provider Forum on 7 June
 - Supporting People Team on 6 July
 - Core Strategy Group meeting on 7 July
 - Service user and carer engagement – (Supporting People User Group, other existing groups) – May to July
 - Special wider stakeholder meeting (previously known as Inclusive Forum) – to be arranged for late July

Timetable for review of Supporting People strategy

1.	Conduct review of 2008-11 strategy, review key principles of the programme and discuss key messages for 2011-16 strategy	March 2010 – July 2010
2.	Produce draft key messages document for wider consultation	August 2010
3.	CSG to discuss key messages document and draft document for wider consultation	1 September 2010
4.	Amend draft document for wider consultation as required	3 September 2010
5.	CB to discuss and approve document for wider consultation	17 September 2010
6.	Conduct wider consultation through a range of methods (5 weeks)	27 September 2010 - 31 October 2010
7.	Produce post-consultation draft document	By 12 November 2010
8.	CSG to discuss post-consultation draft document	By 19 November 2010
9.	Amend post-consultation draft document as required	By 19 November 2010
10.	CB discuss and approve post-consultation document	10 December 2010
11.	Make final document public, subject to CB approval	End of December 2010
12.	Produce draft full strategy document	By end of January 2011
13.	CSG to discuss draft full strategy document	2 February & 2 March 2011
14.	Amend draft full strategy document as required	By 19 February & 11 March 2011
15.	CB to discuss and approve full strategy document	25 March 2011
16.	Make final strategy document public, subject to CB approval	End of April 2011

Dates highlighted in bold = CSG and CB planned meetings.