

**Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**

**PARTNERSHIP WORKING IN OXFORDSHIRE**

**Purpose**

This item provides an opportunity for the Strategy and Partnerships Committee to consider what issues arising from the Partnership Update Report, prepared for Council on 11 September; it would like to build into its future work plan.

**Remit**

The remit of the Strategy and Partnerships Committee specifically includes the council's role in providing corporate and community leadership and local strategic partnerships.

The traditional partnership landscape has changed considerably over the last two years and with local strategic partnerships being scaled back, a range of different partnership arrangements have emerged. It is helpful for the committee to be aware of these developments.

**Suggested focus**

Whilst the Strategy and Partnership Committee has an overarching responsibility around partnerships it is important to remember that scrutinising the detailed work of Oxfordshire's county-wide partnerships is primarily led by the relevant themed scrutiny committee. Therefore it is suggested that the committee focus on issues of corporate significance, for example:

- Where partnership activity may have financial implications
- Any potential barriers to successful partnership working that it could help investigate / resolve
- How partnerships have responded to national policy change
- To what extent the council is demonstrating its community leadership role through its involvement in partnership working

More detailed information on the relationship with the voluntary sector is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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