

Strategy and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

17 March 2011

Partnership update report

Purpose / Recommendation

1. This paper provides an update on all thematic partnerships and district local strategic partnerships. Members are asked to note the partnership changes that are currently taking place.

Background

2. The Oxfordshire Partnership framework has been operating for a number of years. In 2009 we undertook a review of partnership working to ensure it was fit for purpose. Overall we have created the framework and conditions for people and organisations to work together on shared priorities
3. However, the context for partnership working and the landscape around it has rapidly changed over the last few months. Alongside substantial cuts in public spending the Council, along with our partners, has been responding to significant reforms including the Localism and Devolution agenda, the Big Society, significant Health and Policing reforms, the dismantling of regional infrastructure which resulted in the establishment of Local Enterprise Partnerships and the introduction of Community (Place-based) budgets across 16 local areas.
4. We have also seen much of the removal of the top down partnership 'wiring'. There has been a complete scaling back of the inspection framework with the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment, the end to Public Service Agreements and Local Area Agreements.

Current Activity

5. The rationale for LSPs and the thematic partnerships has changed dramatically in a short space of time and provides us with the opportunity to take stock of what structures we want in Oxfordshire.
6. We see this as an opportunity to re-direct the future role of partnerships, to move away from bureaucracy and instead have a clearer and more practical focus on what needs to be done to both improve outcomes and reduce costs.
7. As part of this the **Oxfordshire Partnership** is under review. A further report will be scheduled for Scrutiny setting out the future purpose and role of the Oxfordshire Partnership.

8. *The **Public Service Board*** has not met since September 2010 and it has been agreed that meetings will only be convened if and when necessary. Any residual work of the PSB is being picked up the County Chief Executives group (which includes Local Authority Chief Executives, Police and Primary Care Trust)

This report

9. The information contained in the report provides an update in terms of each thematic partnerships focus, priorities for the year ahead and role in the creation of the Oxfordshire Big Society. In terms of district Local Strategic Partnerships it is the responsibility of each district whether they want to maintain their Local Partnership and the majority are in the process of reviewing their role and remit.

- Children and Young People's Trust
- Health and Wellbeing
- Environment and Waste
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- Safer Communities
- Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance
- Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership
- All District LSPS
 - Oxford
 - Cherwell
 - West
 - Vale and South

If you require further information please visit the Oxfordshire Partnership website which holds detailed information on the thematic partnerships or contact the lead officer for the relevant partnership.

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OCC Cabinet Member	Cllr Louise Chapman & Cllr Michael Waine
What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading a child poverty needs analysis to inform the development of an Oxfordshire Child Poverty Strategy • Agreeing the Year 2 priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan • Challenging performance in key areas. • Driving future direction of the Trust in light of new guidance on Health and Wellbeing Boards 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust has delivered Year 1 of the CYPP. All priorities around keeping all children and young people safe, raising achievement and narrowing the gap are on track to deliver. • There has been a focus on joint working to reduce teenage pregnancy rates. Figures released in February 2011 show a decrease from 29.5% in 2010 to 26.1% and a 17.1% decrease since 1998. 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the role of the Children's Trust and the statutory Health and Wellbeing Board. 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion still needed by the Trust 	

Partnership	Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
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<p>What is the current focus for the Partnership? The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Executive Board first met on 5 January 2011 and is currently meeting on a monthly basis as it starts to take forward the programme of work set out in our proposal to Government</p> <p>A catalyst for realising Oxfordshire's potential The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership is a voluntary body made up of representatives from enterprise, employment and job creation. The Partnership's overarching aim is to be the catalyst for realising Oxfordshire's economic and commercial potential. It will act as an informed, independent advocate for the drivers of innovation and growth. In addition this role, the Partnership will prioritise on key programmes to address the high priority deficiencies identified within the county, rather than trying to do everything itself.</p> <p>Key programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting the county connected to fast broadband access and improve mobile phone coverage • Improving the skills of Oxfordshire's workforce and those about to enter it, to improve their employability • Maximising Oxfordshire's potential to increase inward investment • Providing the local link for Business Support, particularly around high growth and high-tech • Enabling Infrastructure for growth and reducing barriers <p>Focus for Growth Finally, the Partnership will support and champion nationally recognised areas for growth around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicester • Oxford • Science Vale UK 	
<p>What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010) Is the LEP website up and running?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and Forum members identified • Third Board meeting on 2nd March • First Forum meeting will take place on 28th March • LEP members meeting Minister Mark Prisk on 8th March at which LEP will be formally approved by the minister and launched • 2 bids to Regional Growth Fund endorsed by LEP: 	

- Funding for development of infrastructure to enable Harwell to realise its potential to create new high value employment
- Funding of East West Rail that will enable the development of 100,000 jobs and 100,000 homes
- Key metrics for LEP agreed: High value, private sector jobs as overarching measure of success complemented by skills levels, new business formation, unemployment and Gross Value Added.
- Substantial alignment of work with existing initiatives by building on the work undertaken by the Oxfordshire Economic Partnership and its potential successor, Oxfordshire Business First in key areas of skills, inward investment and business support, by Visit Oxford and Oxfordshire working on tourism and by locally specific projects in Bicester, Science Vale and Oxford.

What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)

- Programme of work for LEP to be agreed:
 - Web site and communications to be strengthened
 - Develop bid to Broadband Delivery UK to improve broadband and mobile telephony to all rural areas of the county by 2015
 - Explore innovative ways of increasing delivery of scientific and engineering apprenticeships
 - Support high growth and innovative businesses – building on the success of the Oxfordshire Innovation and Growth Team
 - Further development of proposals to realise economic potential of Oxford's West End

What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?

- This is very big society – given the value of the time that senior business leaders are giving to this.
- The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership will contribute to Big Society by engaging business in developing new business models that are not dependent on public sector funding but that rather meet social and consumer demands in ways that also meet the commercial needs of business.

Partnership	Spatial Planning and Infrastructure (SPIP)
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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership provides a forum to work jointly with partners on matters of collective interest and to seek agreement on local priorities and targets in relation to planning, housing, economic development and infrastructure provision. • The focus of the partnership is on taking forward work related to infrastructure planning and delivery, building on the Local Investment Plan that was prepared by the Partnership. 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the Partnership's achievements are through its delivery arrangements e.g. through the development and implementation of local plans and other strategies. Progress on housing delivery and transportation work are reported separately and details are in partnership minutes published on the Oxfordshire Partnership web site • The Local Investment Agreement was signed off by the HCA and local authorities. The agreement sets out how the partners will deliver the priorities in the Local Investment Plan and has provided the basis for investment decisions by the HCA against the priorities in the Plan. • Gaining agreement to joint working to produce an infrastructure plan for Oxfordshire as the overarching framework for strategic investment needs; and to prepare for the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy at the earliest possible opportunity. 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<p>Priorities for SPIP are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing an infrastructure plan and for the introduction of the Community Infrastructure levy • Understanding the implications of the HCA's new affordable homes programme, which includes a new affordable rent model where homes will be made available to tenants up to a maximum of 80% of market rent • Developing the partnership's response to the coalition government agenda in particular in relation to planning, housing and transport. • Advising the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership – formal links are being developed between the 2 partnerships. 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop partnership working in relation to the localism agenda and the delivery of growth and infrastructure 	

Partnership	Environment & Waste Partnership
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OCC Cabinet Member	Cllr Ian Hudspeth
What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the Environment Partnership is on a review of its function and objectives following abolition of the LAA2 targets, and how it can deliver its objectives more effectively in the future. • The focus of the Waste Partnership continues to be on the reduction of waste and maximising reuse, recycling and composting; minimising the environmental impact of waste disposal. 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of the Low Carbon Communities Programme; we have published two newsletters which highlight progress. • A revised waste prevention strategy has been agreed. • All district councils now operate food waste collections, following the introduction of new collection arrangements in Oxford, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire. • A new van & trailer permit scheme was introduced at Household Waste Recycling Centres in November 2010, helping to reduce the disposal of trade waste at these sites. 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<p>A new delivery model for the future work of the Environment Partnership and its relationship with the Waste Partnership is proposed. This will focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving money on local authority estates, with a strong link to the Local Enterprise Partnership for wider strategic issues and development of a low carbon economy.</p> <p>A five year review of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy will be undertaken; reviewing and revising objectives and targets for waste management in Oxfordshire.</p>	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<p>There is potential to explore how we could build on our experience of working with local community groups on both waste and climate change in the context of the Big Society.</p> <p>The partnership continues to support volunteer networks, such as the Community Action Group and Master Composter programmes that promote waste reduction and sustainable living within their communities.</p>	

Partnership	Health & Well-Being Partnership
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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a reality of the transition arrangements required to implement the vision laid out in <i>Equality and Excellence: Liberating the NHS</i>. • Maintaining a focus on business as usual throughout this period of unprecedented change by driving forward with core elements of the Director of Public Health's agenda, such as obesity and mental wellbeing, and assisting in preparation for the transfer of many of these functions to the county council • Persist in giving momentum to shared aspirations to shift more resources from hospital and residential care into preventative services and towards interventions that increase people's capacity to look after themselves. 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of our LAA reward funding invested in a bid that succeeded in Oxfordshire being one of only 20 areas in the country to be awarded National Lottery Funding from Sport England to increase women's involvement in sport. The £371,000 will be spent over three years, targeting mothers with young children and women living in deprived areas. Achieving behavioural change of this sort is an important element of a prevention strategy that seeks to narrow the gap in healthy life expectancy and contribute to breaking the cycle of deprivation. • Became part of a 25 council strong network of 'Early Implementers' working with the Department of Health to identify good practice for the successful establishment of the new statutory Health and Wellbeing Boards. 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To successfully manage the transition arising from the new statutory basis for local authorities to work in partnership with GP Commissioning Consortia, which will make the (yet to be established) new Health and Wellbeing Board the only body with responsibility for health and social care policy covering adults <i>and</i> children in a defined geographical area. This will require significant adjustments to the structure, membership and purpose of the current Board and the creation of an entirely new, smaller Board above it, which will have the delegated authority to take decisions, and to which the current Board 	

will report as one of its delivery arms.

- To identify how existing arrangements will fit into the new structure that will be implemented in Spring 2011 (with the creation of a new Health and Wellbeing Board in 'shadow form') to carry out new statutory powers as laid out in the Health and Social Care Bill 2011, including:
 - agreeing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for the county;
 - producing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA);
 - overseeing effective joint commissioning between the emerging single GP Commissioning Consortium for Oxfordshire, the newly clustered Oxon/ Bucks PCT, and the local authority (which will in time take over Public Health functions and responsibilities from the PCT).

What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?

- Social care and health services will increasingly be provided by social enterprises and other organisations within the voluntary and community sector, and both the new Board and the current Partnership will play a key role in developing commissioning strategies (informed by the JSNA and the views of users) which will see services purchased from them.
- Ensuring appropriate involvement from Big Society providers in the Delivery and Implementation Groups that will be required to deliver the outcomes identified by the new Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Ensuring sufficient involvement from HealthWatch and other user voice mechanisms in the frameworks and procedures used to guarantee quality of care within any services provided by organisations established as part of the Big Society.

Partnership	Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership
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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The review of the Partnership has now begun.</u> A draft report summarising early thinking from the OSCP Officer Group and briefings from Partnership members on their perspective on, and commitment to, Community Safety, formed the basis for a positive and productive discussion at the OSCP meeting on 27 January • <u>Areas of agreement included:</u> the need for a countywide strategic group; the Officer Group functions well and communication between the two groups is open and effective; the work of the Oxfordshire-wide Tactical Business Groups have status through links to OSCP. • <u>Areas for improvement included:</u> the need for a clearer, more proactive role for the Partnership, including stronger leadership and enhanced strategic priority-setting roles. (Oxfordshire 2030 could form a framework for priorities). Connections with other Thematic groups and the Oxfordshire Partnership could be improved • <u>The Officer Group has been tasked with researching good practice structures and practices in other local authorities, will co-ordinate work on this at its 7 March meeting, and produce a draft paper to inform a shared OSCP/Officer Group workshop shortly afterwards. The final review paper should be ready by the beginning of June</u> 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oxfordshire-wide <u>Safe and Confident Communities</u> project, using Experian Mosaic and targeting messages according to residents' preferred channels of communication, has now been evaluated with positive results. The National Policing Improvement Agency and the Home Office are impressed with the work, which has been shown to improve local engagement, increase confidence in authorities' ability to tackle crime, and to be cost -effective. The system is to be rolled out across Thames Valley • The <u>Quarter 3 performance review</u> of crime and anti-social behaviour revealed that All Crime was down, with a 5.4% reduction (-1,905 reported crimes) on the April-December period in 2009/10. Criminal damage saw a 10.4% reduction (623 cases) and anti-social behaviour was down 17.3% with 3,600 fewer cases reported 	

- The Oxfordshire Alcohol Strategy 2011/14 was approved and adopted, with the action plan now being finalised
- The Oxfordshire Offender Health Strategy has been developed. There is a close link between health improvement and reduction in offending. The strategy sits with the Integrated Offender Management Group
- The Partnership also approved and adopted the Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse Strategy
- The Drugs Tactical Business Group has reviewed its work and is to focus on recreational drugs and Operation Falcon, the countywide drugs enforcement programme

What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)

- Plans for the year ahead will depend on the outcome of the review of OSCP, but also on the expected Government strategies, reviews and legislation. The Crime Strategy is expected shortly, and a national review of Early Intervention and Prevention is due soon. The consultation on anti-social behaviour is current and the Police and Crime Commissioners will be in place from May 2012. Major changes which impact on Community Safety statutory partners, including the impact of the Public Health White Paper and the Police restructure, will also affect future plans significantly
- The Police restructure, which was still evolving in February, will be challenging with significant impact on posts. Operational responsibility will be with local management based on four local policing areas (Vale and South LPAs to be merged). There is, however, support for preserving the established countywide work on overarching issues, including alcohol and domestic abuse

What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?

- Helping to promote the county council's Big Society Fund will encourage more local groups and agencies to support Community Safety activity to help divert young people from crime, reduce the fear of crime and safeguard more vulnerable people. Projects such as Didcot Baptist Church's Families against Drugs; the Nominated Neighbour scheme in Cherwell; the South Abingdon Group working with the community to provide facilities for young people, and Neighbourhood Watch demonstrate how Big Society principles are already underpinning some community safety activities
- Communities may wish to take more local ownership of issues affecting quality of life or the local environment. Community safety partnerships can provide a channel to access support and resources for those communities, and the overarching partnership will need to create the conditions to enable this support to be provided
- The OSCP Officer Group has already started to explore better links

with Community-Led Planning

- Domestic abuse services (the Tactical Business Group reports to OSCP) have a strategic lead from the voluntary sector
- OSCP agreed “Community Pot” funding of £125k from its share of the Top-sliced LAA1 Reward funding for local and countywide schemes led by neighbourhood action and community groups. A similar approach to allocating any future funding streams should be considered
- Support for the Localism agenda will be reinforced through stronger Police activity focused at local level through the four Local Police Area Commanders. Neighbourhood Action Groups require support from community safety partners
- Community safety statutory obligations include an annual “Face the People” session
- Perhaps further joint discussion about how all the Thematic Partnerships can together contribute to the Big Society would be worthwhile

SYP10

Partnership	Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance
Date of completion	3 March 2011
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OCC Cabinet Member	Judith Heathcoat
What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are discussing the future of OSCA and our role re Big Society and how we can best support for groups in Oxfordshire given the new environment in which we are operating 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSCA has rewritten its business plan, and circulated a draft for consultation to all groups in the county Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund opened and received 145 applications seeking £1.94 million in grants, giving a subscription level for the £219,306 available of nearly 9 times. Grant panel made decisions on allocation of the funds on 2 March 2011. Continued series of forum events to update VCS organisations including full day County Conference with key note speakers from CLG and NCVO in November Sessions delivered to voluntary sector representatives to offer them support in their role and bring consistency to the way in which the voluntary sector is represented in LSPs locally 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate new way forward once agreed and resourced OSCA grants projects up and running 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSCA is key in delivering the Big Society as it is 'the place where the statutory and voluntary, community and faith sectors come together to help build and maintain stronger communities and a thriving voluntary, community and faith sector in Oxfordshire. OSCA supports communities, voluntary groups and social enterprises to develop local solutions and deliver effective services for the benefit of the people of Oxfordshire'. OSCA can support other partnerships to deliver Big Society objectives 	

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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of the vision for the City and detailed work on the action plans of the flagship issues as outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2008-2012 “A World Class City for Everyone” • Review new areas of focus following the expected impact of changes through the budget and comprehensive spending review 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Low Carbon Oxford initiative was launched in October 2010 with 16 Pathfinder Organisations signing a Low Carbon Oxford charter committing themselves to 3% carbon reduction each year and a commitment to collaborative working to develop a low carbon city and a low carbon sustainable economy. Pathfinders include the two local authorities, both Universities, MINI Plant Oxford, Unipart, B&Q, M&S and other businesses and community groups. • The second meeting of the Low Carbon Oxford Pathfinders was held in February 2011 with new Pathfinders welcomed to the group and the launch of seven collaborative projects being undertaken by Pathfinders under the leadership of the OSP’s Low Carbon Oxford initiative. Project funding of over £250k has been secured for a community based project through the Local Carbon Framework. • The Public Realm Group has led on the publication of a Public Art Map for Oxford City and has been involved in the initial development stages of a new Wayfinding project for the city centre. • Good progress is being made on the delivery of the Regeneration Framework Action Plan. There has been an Annual Review of progress which indicates several particular areas of success, including, the Planning Inspector endorsing the Core Strategy as ‘sound’ and the Northern Gateway Development, the Family Intervention Project and improved family support to the most ‘at risk’ families, improved routes to employment and an additional 900 residents receiving a health check in the targets areas. The OSP has received on-going updates and reports. • The OSP held a summit meeting in November 2010 to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ review the findings and implications of the Comprehensive Spending Review ○ discuss how Partners and the Partnership should respond ○ explore further options for joint working and pooling of resources • Seven new and revised priorities and project proposals are being considered by the Partnership following the summit meeting: i) Address Inequality Issues; ii) Procurement Hub; iii) Low Carbon Economy; iv) Housing and Construction; v) Wireless City; vi) Visitor Economy and 	

Tourism; vii) Retail Strategy

What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)

It should be noted that the City Council has stated its continued commitment to co-ordinate and run the Partnership in the future. Plans for the year ahead are:

- To continue in the delivery mode of the OSP SCS flagship issue action plans
- Continued review of priorities and project proposals as outlined above
- Explore links to developing partnerships elsewhere, such as the Local Enterprise Partnership
- Respond to changing legislation, challenges and opportunities as required

What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?

- The OSP will continue to review opportunities to add value to the benefit of the City in all of its work

Partnership	Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership
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OCC Member	Cllr Michael Waine
What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy • Continued focus on the Brighter Futures in Banbury Project • Organising the yearly Cherwell LSP Reference Group Conference • An additional focus for the LSP surrounding the effects the CSR Report. 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell LSP have launched the Faith Forum and created a Faith Forum Steering Group • The Disability Forum has completed its second event. • LSP Partners have continued to promote the Community Leadership ambition within the SCS by having LSP representation at all forums. • The LSP has undertaken a self assessment. • Consulted on the Economic Development Strategy which is due to be adopted in spring 2011. • Actively involved in consultation on the Local Transport Plan and the Learning and Skills Partnership. 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint new Chair of the LSP Board, at present it is the Leader of the Council. • To complete the next wave of community engagement under the Brighter Futures in Banbury project, Connecting the Communities. • Delivery of the Economic Strategy. • To gain the agreement of the new delivery plans for some of our medium term strategies. • To gain an understanding of the Localism Bill and the impact on Local Community Parishes. 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To offer promotion and support to all the voluntary and commercial sectors • To explore new service delivery models with the voluntary sector moving towards a more strategic approach. • Look at developing the community with our strong voluntary engagement and support. 	

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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the future role of the partnership • Continuing to support local communities to develop community-led plans and community-led initiatives, including the community places project. 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<p>The joint community places project with the Vale Partnership has made significant progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Berinsfield Action Group(BAG) has amended its constitution to make it more open to community membership. The BAG has held successful meetings regarding the development of an action plan, housing development in Berinsfield and will shortly be hosting a meeting of everyone houses or manages community facilities and assets to discuss how these could be shared and used more effectively. • Beginning to talk to potential partners about the management of the temporary community facility for the Great Western Park development in Didcot. • SOP member has been identified to pilot community –led planning ‘champion’ approach to implementing community plans. Pilot community is Chalgrove. <p>The Partnership has also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the town and parish council forum in November 2010 • Supported the joint south and vale voluntary sector forum in February 2011 • Published its annual report 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review role and terms of reference • Implement learning from community places project and where appropriate apply for funding to continue the work/specific projects arising from it • Continue to support community-led planning. 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<p>This is currently under discussion as part of the partnerships review of its future role. However, the Partnerships initial discussions have highlighted that its existing role in supporting community action will become increasingly important.</p>	

Partnership	Vale Partnership
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Chairman	John Robertson
OCC Cabinet Member	Cllr Judith Heathcoat
What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling disadvantage, reducing the fear of crime and promoting community cohesion. • Helping young people into work • Improving communications and awareness 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<p>The joint community places project with the Vale Partnership has made significant progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community-led planning steering group has been established in South Abingdon. The group is seeking funding for the costs of developing a community-led plan, including consultation and a feasibility study for a skate park. • A Vale Partnership member has been identified to a pilot community – led planning ‘champion’ approach to implementing community plans. Pilot community is Shrivenham. <p>The Partnership has also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed a communications plan • Supported a successful ‘skip day’ in Faringdon • Supported joint voluntary and community sector forum in February 2011 	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<p>The Board will consider a report on the future role of the Partnership at its meeting on 3 March 2011. The proposals that the Board will consider include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying key issues in the area and gaps in the resources/services etc to tackle these and organisations that could help to fill those gaps. • Bring together relevant organisations both inside and outside the partnership to discuss how to tackle issues/gaps • If barriers exist to consider how the partnership may be able to overcome these 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<p>In a changing policy environment some communities will be able to develop a ‘big society’ by themselves, but others would need help, in order to come together to improve community life and community facilities. The Vale Partnership could, if required, co-ordinate support for communities that need help.</p>	

Partnership	West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership
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What is the current focus for the Partnership?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising activity to enable WOSP to deliver on the localism agenda 	
What has the Partnership achieved since the last update? (given in September 2010)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the following Shaping Futures 2010 – 2011 Action Plan projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting and building on the activity of community groups with an active interest in the natural environment and climate change. RUSH Chipping Norton (partnership project for youth provision in Chipping Norton) William Carter Centre- (community hub within Carterton) Improved access to information on support for the elderly and their carers (Seniors Directory and Intergenerational IT Project) 'Safe and Confident Communities' Project Affordable Housing – 'New Homes Quality Study' Wellbeing on Wheels – public health awareness project Fredericks Foundation- finance and business guidance support for start up businesses unable to access mainstream funding sources <p>A progress report detailing these projects is to be reviewed at the next WOSP meeting on 29th March.</p>	
What are your plans for the year ahead? (e.g. Membership changes, priorities)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of terms of reference to take place at next WOSP meeting, to reflect the changing context in which the Partnership is operating (ie to deliver on the localism agenda). The detail of this is to be discussed and agreed at the WOSP meeting on 29th March 2011. An event on 24th June 2011 is to be held to provide the opportunity for wider debate and development of ideas for practical activity in West Oxfordshire which will contribute further to the existing strong voluntary, community and faith sector in the District. 	
What do you think the role of the Partnership in the Big Society is?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a platform for supporting community activity that encourages community empowerment and social action, as required by the Decentralisation and Localism Bill. 	