

**Oxfordshire Partnership Board  
Note of 25 November 2009 meeting**



No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	<p>Apologies and substitutions were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Superintendent Brendan O’Dowda, Thames Valley Police</li> <li>- Mary Harpley - Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership</li> <li>- Cllr Catherine Hitchens – West Oxfordshire/Town/Parish Councils</li> <li>- John Knights – Learning and Skills Partnership (Sally Dicketts substituting)</li> <li>- Dr Julie Maxton, Oxford University (Joe Barclay substituting)</li> <li>- Sarah Maxfield - Oxford Inspires</li> <li>- Cllr Bob Price – Leader Oxford City Council</li> <li>- Warren Ralls - SEEDA</li> <li>- Brigadier Miles Wade – MOD (Sarah Wareing substituting)</li> <li>- Bob Walding – Learning &amp; Skills Council</li> <li>- Linda Watson - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council</li> </ul> <p>Members present are listed at Annex A (including substitutes).</p> <p>Officers in attendance:</p> <p>Joanna Simons, Stephen Capaldi, Joanne Clegge, Claire Evans, Claire Phillips and Deborah Miller (Oxfordshire County Council).</p> <p>Melbourne Barrett, Oxford City Council; David Doughty, OEP; Shakiba Habibula and Jonathan McWilliam (Oxfordshire PCT/Oxfordshire County Council);</p> <p>The following new members were welcomed to the Oxfordshire Partnership Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brigadier Neil Baverstock, MOD</li> <li>• Rob Hathaway, Audit Commission – not a member - observing</li> <li>• Simon Hughes, Environment Agency</li> <li>• Dr. Craig Klafter, Oxford Brookes</li> <li>• John Knights, Oxfordshire Learning &amp; Skills Partnership</li> <li>• Cllr Lesley Legge, Vale Parish/Town Council</li> <li>• Steve Rowell, Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Matthew Tait, Oxfordshire PCT</li> </ul> <p>Nancy Braithwaite, Principal Administrator to the Conference of Colleges was also welcomed to the Meeting as an observer.</p>	

2.	<b>Notes and actions from previous meeting</b>	<p>The note of the meeting held on 4 June 2009 was agreed, subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>Annex A, page 2 - <i>Vale of White Horse</i>: substitute the text 'Cllr David Wood' with 'Cllr Ian Charlton' and 'Present' with 'Not Present': and <i>Cherwell</i>: substitute the text 'Not Present' with 'Present'.</p>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>Policy and strategy</b>			
4.	<b>Oxfordshire 2030: Progress Report.</b>	<p>The Partnership considered a report (<b>OP4</b>) setting out the achievements of the thematic partnerships over the past year against the four strategic objectives of the Oxfordshire 2030 Strategy.</p> <p>A presentation was given by Claire Phillips, Partnership Officer, setting out the key achievements and future targets of the thematic partnerships.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell stressed the importance of accountability and of Leaders addressing how information was disseminated back through various boards and bodies.</p> <p>He reported that at Oxfordshire County Council, the Thematic Partnership Chairmen and officers from each board would be attending the Strategy &amp; Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to talk about their work.</p> <p>Members of the Partnership asked if future reports could include some form of trend data/balance sheet could be provided to enable the board to see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where things were going well and where areas needed improving;</li> <li>• quality of life indicators;</li> <li>• key targets for Oxfordshire;</li> <li>• how the voluntary sector were surviving in the current climate;</li> <li>• areas of concern that needed prioritising – what would be cut or was under threat – what could be done in partnership (in light of cut backs)</li> <li>• priorities of thematic partnerships</li> </ul>	<p><b>Claire Evans/ Claire Phillips</b></p>

		<p>Stephen Capaldi reported that this report was an update on the current position and that the end of year review would look at performance against performance targets set out in the plans and quality of life targets. The Public Service Board would be reviewing performance of the Local Area Agreement and Oxfordshire 2030 on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils requested that towns and parishes have greater involvement in the Stronger Communities Alliance</p> <p>Ms Baxter undertook to discuss the issue of better communication to parishes with ORCC.</p>	<p><b>Alison Baxter</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Breaking the cycle of deprivation</b></p> <p><b>(a) Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation in Oxford and Banbury:</b></p>	<p>The Oxfordshire Partnership received a report (<b>OP5(a)</b>) prepared by the 5 Chief Executives of Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust and Thames Valley Police on taking a way forward to tackling the areas of multiple deprivation in City and Banbury..</p> <p>The following points were raised during discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All three colleges in Oxfordshire should be involved in this.</li> <li>• expertise needed to be taken forward to smaller areas;</li> <li>• there had been no mention of this project at school level;</li> <li>• the Voluntary Sector needed to be involved early on;</li> <li>• Young Careers should be involved in the project.</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion the Oxfordshire Partnership thanked the 5 Chief Executives for taking the agenda forward and <b>AGREED</b> that Sally Dicketts, Oxford &amp; Cherwell Valley College be appointed as the 6<sup>th</sup> Chief Executive to the Project.</p>	<p><b>Matthew Tait</b></p>

<p><b>(b) Briefing on Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in Oxfordshire</b></p>	<p>The Oxfordshire Partnership received a Briefing (<b>OP5(b)</b>) and presentation by the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council on Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council asked the Partnership to consider what further action the partnership and individual organisations could take to engage those young people rapidly in education, employment and training.</p> <p>The following points were raised during debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Partnership welcomed the idea of a joint Summit to establish what work is going on in this area</li> <li>• poor attendance in early years affected NEETs;</li> <li>• employers could be approached about providing apprenticeships, but only with the support of colleges;</li> <li>• Oxford Racial Equality Council asked for a further breakdown of different ethnic groups of NEETS;</li> <li>• contractors could be approached to use NEETs;</li> <li>• an exit strategy was needed for when government funding dried up;</li> <li>• opportunity for volunteering would prepare NEETs for paid work;</li> <li>• the sport industry should be utilised;</li> <li>• If problem was not solved could lead to anti-social behaviour;</li> <li>• need to focus on work around breaking the cycle of deprivation – long term project;</li> <li>• need to make young people ready for employment;</li> <li>• many creative solutions already exist around the County that the Partnership could tap into.</li> </ul> <p>Following the debate, the Partnership thanked Cllr Mitchell for his presentation and AGREED to pursue National Lobbying for a change in how benefit was given to NEETs.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Keith Mitchell</b></p>
<p><b>(c) Council themed debate: Breaking the Cycle of Deprivation</b></p>	<p>The Oxfordshire Partnership received the outcome of a themed debate held at the full Council on 3 November (<b>OP5(c)</b>) on breaking the cycle of deprivation.</p>	<p><b>Steven Howell</b></p>



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	<b>b) Data Observatory</b>	<p>event to be held on 14 December 2009 12.30 – 2.30 pm at County Hall, Oxford.</p> <p>The Oxfordshire Partnership noted the first annual report by the Oxfordshire Data Observatory on progress made over the last twelve months and challenges for next year.</p>	<b>Ben Smith</b>
<b>Other business. Next Meeting Forward Plan</b>			
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	None	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings</b>	<p>The Partnership <b>AGREED</b> the following meeting dates for future years – all meetings to be held at County Hall, Oxford:</p> <p><b>2010:</b>          Wednesday 24 February (2pm) Lunch at 1:30          Wednesday 14 July (2pm) Lunch at 1:30          Wednesday 1 December (2pm) Lunch at 1:30</p> <p><b>2011:</b>          Wednesday 30 March (2 pm)          Wednesday 13 July (2 pm)          Wednesday 30 November (2pm)</p> <p><b>2012:</b>          Wednesday 28 March (2 pm)          Wednesday 11 July (2 pm)          Wednesday 28 November (2pm)</p>	<b>All to note</b>

<b>Organisation / sector</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Present?</b>
County Council	Cllr Keith R. Mitchell CBE	Leader of the Council	Present
Health	Fred Hucker	Chairman, Primary Care Trust	Present
	Matthew Tait	Interim Chief Executive	Present
Thames Valley Police	Steve Rowell	Assistant Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police	Present
District Councils	Cllr Bob Price	Leader Oxford City Council	Not Present
	Cllr Ann Ducker	Leader South Oxfordshire District Council	Present
	Cllr Barry Norton	Leader West Oxfordshire District Council	Present
	Cllr Barry Wood	Leader Cherwell District Council	Not Present
	Cllr Tony de Vere	Leader Vale of White Horse District Council	Present
District Lsps	Revd John Robertson	Chair, Vale Partnership	Present
	David Neudegg	Chair, West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership	Present
	Bishop Colin Fletcher	Chair, South Oxfordshire Partnership	Present
	Jackie Wilderspin	Chair, Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership	Present
Parish / Town Council	David Wood	Cherwell	Present
	Lesley Legge	Leader, Abingdon Town Council and Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils representative	Present
	M.J. Leeding	Forrest Hill with Shotover Parish Council	Present
	Ian Charlton	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (Representing Parish Councils in the Vale of White Horse)	Present
Learning, skills, education	Joe Barclay (substituting Julie Maxton)	Oxforfs University	Present
	John Raftery	Oxford Brooks University	Present

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	Sally Dicketts	Oxfordshire Learning & Skills Partnership	Present
Private Sector	Kelvin Thomas	Oxford United Football Club	Present
	David Doughty	Oxfordshire Economic Partnership (Officer)	Present
	Frank Nigriello	Chairman, Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	Present
Government Office for the South East			
SEEDA			
Voluntary, Community and faith sectors.	Romy Brian	Elected Member for Voluntary and Community Sector	Present
	Alison Baxter	Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action	Present
BME Sector	Patrick Tolani	Oxfordshire Equality and Human Rights Council	Present
Military	Sarah Wareing	Supergarrison Project Officer, 145(s) BDE	Present
Culture, Tourism & Leisure			
Environment	Robin Buxton	Elected by Environment & Waste Partnership	Present
	Simon Hughes	Environment Agency	Present
Rural communities			

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<b>Others who attend as required / by invitation.</b>	
County Council	Stephen Capaldi, Assistant Chief Executive, Oxfordshire County Council Joanna Simons, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire County Council
City Council	Melbourne Barrettt, Oxford City Council
Health	Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health Shakiba Habibula, Deputy Director of Public Health Matthew Tait (Primary Care Trust)
Other ...	
Support Team	Partnership's Unit & Democratic Services Unit, Oxfordshire County Council