HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

OUTCOMES of the meeting held on Thursday 8th February commencing at 2.00pm and finishing at 4.15pm.

Present:

Board members: Councillor Anna Badcock (Chairman), South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Marie Tidball (Vice-Chairman), Oxford City Council
Councillor Jeanette Baker, West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Oxfordshire County Council
Joanne Barrett, Cherwell District Council (substituting for Cllr John Donaldson)
Diane Hedges, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Diana Shelton, West Oxfordshire District Council
Richard Lohman, Healthwatch Ambassador

Officers:
Whole of meeting: Daniella Granito, Oxford City Council
Helena Jones, Oxfordshire County Council

Part of meeting:
Agenda item 6 Joanne Barrett, Cherwell District Council
Dave Scholes, Oxford City Council
Agenda item 7 Nerys Parry, Oxford City Council
Agenda item 9 Paul Wilding, Oxford City Council
Agenda item 10 Sarah Breton, Oxfordshire County Council
DI Matt Bick, Thames Valley Police
Agenda item 11 Keith Johnson, Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity

These notes indicate the outcomes of this meeting and those responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council’s web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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<td><strong>1. Welcome</strong></td>
<td>The Chairman, Councillor Anna Badcock, welcomed all to the meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments</strong></td>
<td>Apologies were received from Cllr Monica Lovatt, Dr Kiren Collison, Jonathan McWilliam and Cllr John Donaldson. Joanne Barrett substituted for Cllr John Donaldson.</td>
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| **3. Declaration of Interest** | The following interests were declared:  
- Richard Lohman is employed by Oxford Health at the Luther Street GP Surgery. |
| **4. Petitions and Public Address** | No petitions or public addresses were received. |
| **5. Minutes of Last Meeting** | The minutes of the June meeting were approved, subject to the following amendments:  
- On the front sheet, add to the list of attending Board members:  
  *Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Oxfordshire County Council*  
- On page 3, under Agenda item 8, in the second sentence replace ‘…road layouts to reduce air quality…’ with ‘…road layouts to improve air quality…’ |
It was noted that the smoking cessation indicator has an amber status. A report card on smoking cessation will be brought to the next meeting of the Board with details of the new contract for services which commences in April.  
A member queried whether there is a breakdown on breastfeeding rates by areas in Oxfordshire. This data is no longer reported by individual areas so this may not be possible.  
**The possibility of sourcing data on breastfeeding rates in different areas will be examined and confirmed to the Board.** |

The Board considered the amber status of the obesity indicator for Year 6 pupils and noted that the overall Oxfordshire rate was significantly better than the national average, although there is considerable variation within the county.  

Jackie Wilderspin
**Rough Sleeping**
An exception report on rough sleeping indicators was presented by Joanne Barrett, together with Dave Scholes, on behalf of the Housing Support Advisory Group.

The reasons for an increase in numbers of people rough sleeping, especially in Oxford City, were discussed. The change in the demographics of rough sleepers was highlighted, although the reasons behind this are harder to identify.

The Board were keen to understand more about what can be done to improve rough sleeping. It was noted that projects such as the Trailblazer project discussed in this meeting have a role in the early prevention of homelessness. The Single Homelessness Pathway in Oxfordshire is the main means to help those who are rough sleeping.

There are challenges currently being experienced with the single homelessness pathway including the entry into the pathway and meeting the target of 9 months for people to stay in placements. District officers are working with providers to reduce blockages in the pathways and enable suitable move on from the pathway to be achieved. This work includes:

- Considering starting satellite services in the districts rather than only central provision of services
- Reviewing allocations of local beds
- Improving links to employment
- Working on the private sector offer of rented accommodation, especially addressing the gap between local housing allowance and private sector rents
- Considering the Housing First model

There is currently a review of homelessness in process at Cherwell District Councils. This review is a process which happens every five years but is particularly important now since the Homelessness Reduction Act which comes into force in April changes the duties of local authorities in respect of homeless people.

Some case studies will be brought to the next meeting of the Board to help understand the stories of rough sleepers and look at common themes. Details of the governance of partnership work around housing will also be shared.

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**7. Trailblazer Project and the City Conversation on Rough Sleeping**
Two reports were presented on different projects related to homelessness.

**Trailblazer Project**
Nerys Parry presented the report on the Trailblazer Project which aims to improve on upstream prevention of homelessness in Oxfordshire.

Board members were pleased to note that transfer figures into housing from hospital emergency rooms have improved linked to presence of an
embedded housing worker based at the John Radcliffe Hospital. A question was raised about how this can be extended to other systems, such as the court and probation systems, and Board members were informed that a champions network is being developed to support professionals in other systems to develop knowledge about housing issues.

**Officers are considering how the project could include a focus on targeting deprivation and were invited to link this to the work being done by the Health Inequalities Commission.**

City Conversation on Rough Sleeping
A report on the City Conversation on Rough Sleeping was shared. Dave Scholes responded to questions about the event, and the plans to take this work forward with partners. It was noted that the governance of this work will be via a steering group.

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Work to identify and tackle inequalities has been progressed by breaking data down to a ward level which allows work to be targeted better. Board members suggested it would be helpful to identify the factors which make some wards perform better than others.

The approach to considering inequalities in setting future priorities for the Board was also discussed. In the past, the Board’s priorities have been set annually when the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is updated. There is currently a major review of governance, membership and function of the Health and Wellbeing Board underway which provides an opportunity to review the priorities of the Health Improvement Board.

A paper will be brought to the next meeting of the Board to start the discussion about the Board’s future priorities and how these should be agreed.

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Board members were pleased to note the good preparation work which had taken place to reduce negative impacts on people because of the change to the benefits system. There have been some challenges around tenants meeting rent payments during the transition period and making sure the right information is provided and used by the Department of Work and Pensions to calculate benefits.

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<th>10. Domestic Abuse Strategic Board</th>
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Board members asked about plans to ensure support for groups who are less commonly considered in domestic abuse, such as heterosexual men, LGBTQ people. This was identified as a gap in the strategic review and work is underway to address provision of services in Oxfordshire, including a specialist input for black, Asian and minority ethnic groups.

The importance of ensuring programmes consider wider family violence such as child-parent or sibling-sibling violence was expressed. Officers were also recommended to consider how data about vulnerable groups like those who experience child sexual exploitation could be used to identify possible victims.

**11. Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity (OxSPA)**

An update on the future structure and work of the organisation was presented by Keith Johnson.

OxSPA been informed that it will not receive funding from Sports England due to a change where they now target funding at geographic areas with high levels of physical inactivity. OxSPA is now undergoing a review, including a restructure of their board and changing to become an independent charitable organisation. The target date for the new organisation to be formed is 1st July 2018.

It was agreed that promoting physical activity remains an important objective in Oxfordshire and that the past success of OxSPA has been built on a culture of partners coming together to coordinate and support work across the county.

**Board members were asked to consider how their organisation might support the future work of OxSPA financially and through a commitment to partnership.**

**12. Healthwatch Ambassador’s Report**

A verbal report was given by Richard Lohman on the recent work of Healthwatch Oxfordshire.

Details of the next meeting were shared and the Board was informed of a project fund open to bids by small organisations. A new website for the organisation has also been launched.

**13. Review of Health Improvement Board Terms of Reference**

The Board considered the proposed update to the terms of reference.

An addition to the membership section was requested to note that a representative of the Thames Valley Police would be invited to attend meetings when domestic abuse is discussed.

**The terms of reference will be updated to reflect the Board’s discussion and provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 22nd March for agreement.**
14. Forward Plan and Any Other Business

Details of upcoming events which are of relevance to the work of the Board were shared.

- Mental Wellbeing Workshop (19th March) convened by the Board to gather partners and consider how to advance the promotion of mental wellbeing in Oxfordshire.
- Healthy New Towns learning event (24th April) which builds on previous discussions by the Board about the role of health in planning.
- Oxford: Naturally Healthy conference (17th May) exploring green social prescribing

Details of each of these will be circulated following the meeting.

From discussion at the meeting the following items will be added to the forward plan:

- Rough sleeping case studies proposed for discussion 1st May

The meeting closed at 4.15pm

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Date of signing