

## Oxford Strategic Partnership Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

### Attendees:

Sharon Barrington, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Vicky Fletcher, Oxfordshire County Council  
Cllr Andrew Gant, Oxford City Council  
Shelley Ghazi, Oxford City Council  
Ian Green, Oxford Civic Society  
Caroline Green, Oxford City Council  
Brendan Hattam, Land Securities  
Joe Kidman, Thames Valley Police  
Lewis Knight, Bioregional  
Rachel Lawrence, Oxford City Council  
Tom McCulloch, Community First Oxfordshire  
Craig Morbey, Oxford City Council  
Katie Read, Oxfordshire County Council  
Cllr John Tanner, Oxford City Council  
Mish Tullar, Oxford City Council  
Stuart Wilkinson, University of Oxford  
Jackie Wilderspin, Oxfordshire County Council (Chair)

### Apologies:

Frank Nigriello, Unipart Group  
Cllr Bob Price, Oxford City Council  
Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Oxfordshire County Council  
Anthony Mtitimila, University of Oxford  
Richard Venables, VSL and Partners  
Maggie Scott, Oxfordshire County Council

### 1. Introductions

Jackie Wilderspin (JW) opened the meeting with introductions and apologies. JW highlighted the long standing commitment and contribution of Cllr Price who will no longer be attending the OSP as leader of the City Council. Cllr Price had rarely missed an OSP meeting and we would like to record our thanks. JW suggested she draft a letter of thanks on behalf of the partnership which was agreed.

Action – JW to send a letter of thanks to Cllr Price on behalf of the partnership.

### 2. Draft minutes of the last meeting

Draft minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed.

### 3. Update on Local Government and the Growth Deal

Caroline Green (CG) highlighted that in the months since the announcement they have been working on the delivery plan and negotiations with Government. There has been a huge amount of work going on and now all 6 partners and OxLEP have agreed the deal.

The County Council was told earlier this week (before the OSP meeting) that two of its three multi-million pound bids for infrastructure have been approved to move through to detailed delivery plan development ahead of a final decision on funding in the autumn. A

£171m bid for development at the future Didcot Garden Town including the proposed Science Bridge and a £135m proposal to upgrade the A40 supporting a garden village near Eynsham will both be studied further. The county council is leading on the bids as Oxfordshire's transport authority. The third bid, which asked for £152m to support more than 5,000 homes north of Oxford, was not taken forward at this stage.

This all shows the interest of government in investing in us (Oxfordshire), this is a very positive story and a lot of pressure now to ensure we deliver.

Ian Green (IG) – highlighted that one of the conditions for the funding was preparation of a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan (JSSP) but that there has not yet been a serious discussion of the allocation of the growth trajectory that is proposed. There should be a discussion on scale and pace and relationship to infrastructure provision.

CG – answered that the JSSP is running to quite tight deadlines but there will be statutory engagement and consultation. There will be work around scoping the plan and how it relates to the Local Plan 2036.

Action - Keep the steering group up to date on consultation process for the JSSP (CG)  
Action – Put a more detailed update on Growth Deal on next OSP meeting agenda (SG).

#### **4. OSP Task & Finish Group proposals**

Jackie Wilderspin gave a brief update on the progress of task & finish groups. The Economic Growth sub-group have not yet met to further discuss their proposal regarding the Living Wage proposal (a meeting is being held this month). However the city council's scrutiny board has supported this proposal, with funding too, and the task & finish proposal aims to build wider ownership and deeper impact.

Mish Tullar (MT) highlighted the sub-group would also discuss creation of a City Centre management task force as a step towards setting up a Business Improvement District (BID) in the city. The proposal will come back to the OSP for further discussion.

Brendan Hattam highlighted that Land Security have been talking about a BID with John Lewis.

Ian Green asked if it would be possible for group to look more broadly on strategic planning for the city centre and consider other sites around the city.

Action – MT to feedback comments to the Economic Growth sub-group.  
Action – MT to give a Living Wage proposal update at the next OSP meeting,

The Stronger Communities task & finish group updated that training is being rolled out for Making Every Contact Count. They are working with the Fire and Rescue Service and planning to work with librarians. They are taking out the offer to community partnerships in the priority neighbourhoods.

#### **Low Carbon Oxford Task & Finish presentation**

A presentation was given by Oxford City Council and Bioregional on their project 'Oxfordshire One Planet Living: A framework for a sustainable future'. The project aims to identify work to map sustainable activity across the county and to support organisations to develop actions plans to further improve sustainability and reduce carbon. The presentation is attached.

Several OSP members were interested in talking further.

Action – Bioregional to contact the Police, Westgate, Community First Oxfordshire, The CCG, and the University of Oxford to discuss next steps

## **5. The City Conversation**

Rachel Lawrence, Rough Sleeping and Single Homelessness Manager (Oxford City Council) gave a presentation on the City Conversation around homelessness, and the work of the steering group to move forward ideas that came out of the conference. This included its commitment to look at the options for 'alternative giving' platforms to provide a better route for public donations away from money in the hand of rough sleepers and towards support for those organisations helping rough sleepers. Presentation is attached.

Following the presentation the following points were made:

CG said there is now the challenge of timing. What is the partnership going to say and do before next winter and how is it making a difference? Joe Kidman agreed and said he would like a harder timeline on the alternative giving as we urgently need to channel money away from drugs and organised crime in the city.

Stuart Wilkinson (SW) highlighted the Oxford University Student who has raised money to develop an app around alternative giving and that he is putting in a lot of time into the tech.

Rachel Lawrence added that they were also trying to make more data available as people assume the agencies are not doing anything when in fact they have helped over 300 people off the streets.

SW – raised the idea of a hackathon for example like the e.g. satellite catapult – where we make data available then ask for developers to develop ideas based on the data.

Brendan Hattam – highlighted that several recent BIDs have incorporated homelessness so this may be way of joining up city centre and homelessness work.

Action – Rachel Lawrence to look at whether alternative giving can be looked at as a priority for the steering group.

Action – to bring an update on alternative giving to the next OSP (CG)

## **5. Oxford City Council, Draft Children & Young People's Strategy Consultation**

Craig Morbey, Youth Ambition Manager at Oxford City Council, presented the draft Children and Young People's Strategy that is out for consultation (see [here](#) for link). The presentation is attached.

New ways of working were talked about including zoning in priority areas and Ready by 21 which details a number of outcomes young people should achieve by that age. They hope to create a common framework for all organisations across Oxfordshire.

Action – for members to respond to the C&YP consultation and encourage others to do so

## **6. Forward plan**

Jackie Wilderspin highlighted proposed changes to dates in 2018 which are to move to quarterly meetings. All were in favour.

No future agenda items other than those already mentioned were suggested.

Action – OSP members to send any future agenda items to Shelley Ghazi

Action - new meeting days and time to be set and venues booked (SG)

<b>OSP Meeting Date</b>	<b>Key Agenda Items</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th June Long Room, Oxford Town Hall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on the Growth Deal (CG)</li><li>• Update on alternative giving proposals (CG)</li><li>• Oxfordshire County Council on Oxford City School Attainment.</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October (provisional)</b>	

### **3 AOB**

Joe Kidman gave an update – Community Support Police in the city has agreed an approach to have joint task force to identify drug use in the city. It is modelled on a Jamaican Police Force initiative called ‘take hold and build’ which means more enforcement initially but then working with people to sustain the right behaviour in the city. There is assigned money and resources and they have had great support from partners.

The Police Force has a special constabulary and they are trialling an idea to fast track Inspectors. This would be where someone who is a capable manager would get trained as a police officer as well. They are particularly keen on engaging people from the private sector.

Action – Interested OSP members contact Joe Kidman for further information.