# Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal

OSP Update: June 2018

#### **OXFORDSHIRE**

GROWTH BOARD

#### Overview

- £215 million over 5 years
  - £150m infrastructure delivery to enable housing
  - £60m affordable housing fund
  - £5m capacity funding
- Joint Statutory Spatial Plan to be submitted by March 2020
- Productivity workstream OxLEP + Govt
  - Local Industrial Strategy by March 2019
  - Skills and vocational pathway to place local young people into key emerging sectors
  - Growth Hub to help SMEs scale up

# Infrastructure delivery to support new housing

Up to 6,500 houses during the period of the Deal, and a total of up to 14,000 by 2031

- Primarily building resource capacity to September 2018
- Year 1 project programme outlined including:
  - Access to Headington
  - Botley Road corridor improvements
  - Botley Road rail bridge design work
- Some Year 1 projects may change based on more detailed assessments of phasing/feasibility
- Year 2-5 projects plan by end September 2018 informed by the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS)
- County Council delivery agency on behalf of the Growth Board partners
- Work linking with Highways England and Network Rail

### Affordable housing

At least 1320 affordable homes across a range of tenures to start on site by 2021

- Year 1 programme and progress to report in July 2018
- Years 2-3 programme by end Sep 2018
- Planning for >50% of homes for social rent
- Discussions with the universities and other key employers to deliver sites that provide key worker housing
- Developing programme to support a localised off-site modular housing construction industry through research, business support, commissioning and direct intervention in the market

## JSSP + Planning freedoms & flexibilities

Strategic framework for the long-term growth of Oxfordshire up to 2050

- Draft Statement of Community Involvement to be issued for consultation – July 2018
- 3 Year Land Supply consultation live to 12 July 2018
  - Subject to negotiation with Government
- JSSP development to align to a new Local Industrial Strategy and 2050 Transport Vision
  - Issues workshops with stakeholders Winter 2018
  - 1st stage public consultation spring 2019
  - All Local Plans submitted 1 Apr 2019
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage public consultation Oct 2019
  - Submission to Government Mar 2020
  - Adoption by individual councils Mar 2021
- Dedicated JSSP website under development

### **Productivity**

To create an economy that boosts productivity and earning power in Oxfordshire and throughout the UK

- Local Industrial Strategy development:
  - Engagement with employers, universities and other key stakeholder groups ongoing
  - Liaison across Ox-Cam corridor to ensure alignment of strategic vision
  - Review Enterprise Zone investment strategy and create an inward investment plan
  - Submission to Government Feb 2019
- Other OxLEP workstreams include:
  - Development of a Growth Hub to support local businesses
  - Working with universities and employers to improve alignment between skills provision and business requirements
  - Building a skills pathways for young and facilitating social mobility for those at risk of social exclusion

#### Governance and accountability

The Oxfordshire Growth Board will make all decisions on the use of Deal grant funding agreed by Government as well as other funding for the purposes of this deal

- Creation of 3 Advisory sub-groups
  - To oversee programmes of work on infrastructure, housing and the JSSP -
  - To monitor progress against the key milestones and make recommendations to the Growth Board on decisions required
  - Membership appointed from the six council cabinets
- Creation of a Scrutiny Panel
  - To ensure effective and collective scrutiny
  - Membership comprised from each council's own scrutiny function
- Growth Board website: <a href="https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org">www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org</a>

#### A pipeline of investment

A positive first stage in an on-going partnership to pursue a comprehensive approach to deliver housing and economic growth

- Housing Infrastructure Fund Government to confirm if bids for a further £300 million of transport infrastructure investment to help bring forward Didcot Garden Town and West Oxfordshire Garden Village – autumn 2018
- Additional £200k committed to support Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study to establish the priorities for rail investment – including the Cowley Branch Line

