

Oxford Strategic Partnership
Key meeting notes and actions
Wednesday 12 July 2023
14:30 to 16:00 Virtual via Zoom

Attendees

Paul James, River Learning Trust (Chair)	PJ
Cllr Susan Brown, Oxford City Council	Cllr Brown
Cllr Chris Smowton, Oxford City Council	Cllr Smowton
Cllr Michael O'Connor, Oxfordshire County Council	Cllr O'Connor
Caroline Green, Oxford City Council	CG
Mish Tullar, Oxford City Council	MT
David Munday, Oxfordshire County Council	
Consultant in Public Health/ Deputy Director Public Health	DM
Gill Aitken, Oxford University	GA
Ian Green, Oxford Civic Society	IG
Richard Venables VSL and Partners	RV
Jeremy Long, OXLEP	JL
Robin Rogers, Oxfordshire County Council	RR
Lucy Cherry, Oxford City Council	LC

Apologies

Cllr Glynis Phillips, Oxfordshire County Council	Cllr Phillips
Brendan Hattam, Land Securities	BH
Frank Nigiello	FN
Bruce Riddell	BR

Part one - not attended by Oxford City Council stakeholders or Officers

1. With the agreement of the Chair, a number of attendees joined this part of the meeting from a Local Government Association (LGA) team that were undertaking a peer review assessment of Oxford City Council.

The Council decided to commission this voluntary assessment as part of its commitment to developing best practice and being a learning organisation.

Oxford Strategic Partnership key stakeholders and partners were invited by the peer team to help provide insight and inform the peer team on-site review assessment.

Part Two – Oxford Strategic Partnership meeting

2. Welcome and apologies

- PJ left the meeting and Cllr Brown took the Chair.

3. Draft minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

- Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

4. Oxford City update (Caroline Green & Mish Tullar)

- Update communicated.

5. Health Focus - Update on the key findings of the Oxfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

- Presentation delivered by DM.
- DM advised that Woodfarm and Lye Valley areas of the city (Churchill ward) are expected to be areas of focus for future work.
- Comments shared included:
 - Opportunity and further potential for good overlap, and that the City is in a good place to sit alongside, the wider determinates of health and the housing agenda (e.g. regulation of all private sector rental, housing condition, authorities own housing stock condition, affordability, etc.).
 - Opportunity for further extending the MECC work stream (making every contact matter).
 - As major partners and employers in the city, there are more things that can be tapped into for workplace offers e.g. workplace wellbeing, mental wellbeing, package/s of physical activity, and that there may be scope for delivery.
 - Is there / can there be data insights on types of housing and standards of such in future needs assessments.

6. Oxford City Council Corporate Strategy 2024/28

- MT provided a key strategic headline update of the workshop feedback collated from the previous meeting.
- General consensus from feedback was that the City Council is not far off the priorities within the 2020/24 Corporate Plan. As such, that evolution of these were suggested for the 2024/28 Corporate Plan development. Alongside, a fifth priority of 'Well-run Council'.
- Housing priority - comments:
 - Their remains a City Council desire to continue to work with others as well as we can following the collapse of the Oxfordshire 2050 plan. Furthermore, there is a statutory duty to cooperate (e.g. Districts).
 - Opportunity for integrated approach to homelessness.
 - Affordable living is not necessarily just Council housing stock.
- Economy priority – comments:
 - Employment, education and training, and public transport are important.
 - Recruitment focus was perceived to be city centre focused – more needs to be focussed within and with communities.
 - There is a change in climate of retail uses. Footfall in the city is circa 13% below pre-pandemic.

- Thriving Communities – comments:
 - Opportunity for more collective work linking in with the JSNA insight presented by DM.
 - The City Council is already working on developing and implementing co-location opportunities (e.g. Public Health NHS & Leisure facilities).
 - Cost of Living is impacting on many of the ‘squeezed middle’.
 - Precarious tenure in the housing Private Regulated Sector.
- Zero Carbon – Comments:
 - Keep on going with the Zero Carbon Road Map and partnership work streams.
 - Promote good practice and good work of the Zero Carbon Oxford Partnership.
 - Increase work on bio-diversity (note: landowner responsibility).

7. Any other business

- None.

Next meeting date:
Thursday 2 November 2023
In person, Oxford Town Hall

Forward Plan requests

Local Plan Development (November 2023)	Community Safety (November 2023)	Recruitment and Employment
Housing	Transport	Education
Zero Carbon	Economic Growth	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: e.g. Digital access