

Oxford Strategic Partnership Key meeting notes and actions

Thursday 2 November 2023

14:00 to 16:00 Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates Room

In attendance		
Paul James (Chair)	PJ	River Learning Trust
Caroline Green	CG	Oxford City Council
Cllr Dr Chris Smowton	Cllr CS	Oxford City Council
Cllr Neil Fawcett	Cllr NF	Oxfordshire County Council
Mish Tullar	MT	Oxford City Council
Lucy Cherry	LC	Oxford City Council
Clare Keen	CK	Oxford City Council
Supt Bruce Riddell	BR	Thames Valley Police
James Blackmore	JB	Thames Valley Police
Dr Kevin Maynard – <i>sub for Simonetta Manfredi</i>	KM	Oxford Brookes University
Sam Shepherd	SS	Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Rupail Alwe	RA	Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Emily Lewis – Edwards	ELE	Community First Oxfordshire
David Munday	DM	Oxfordshire County Council
Robin Rogers	RR	Oxfordshire County Council
Gillian Coates – <i>sub for Ian Green</i>	GC	Oxford Civic Society
Clare Martin – <i>sub for Brendan Hattam</i>	CM	Land Securities
David Butler	DB	Oxford City Council
Richard Venables – <i>sub for Jeremy Long</i>	RV	OxLep
Arome Agamah	AA	Oxford City Council
Rachel Nixon	RN	Oxford City Council
Apologies		
Cllr Susan Brown	Cllr SB	Oxford City Council
Jeremy Long	JL	OxLEP
Prof Alexander Betts	AB	University of Oxford
Stuart Wilkinson	SW	University of Oxford
Frank Nigriello	FN	Unipart Group
Gillian Aitken	GA	University of Oxford

Key Actions

Action	Owner	Target deadline
Circulate details to OSP members for: - Vigil for Peace, 05/11/23 - Faith and Community Leaders' group - Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation - Healthwatch Oxfordshire webinar, 09/11/23	Lucy Cherry	Completed 03/11/23
Confirm 2024/2025 Budget consultation start and end dates for OSP members	Lucy Cherry	Completed 29/12/23
Local Government Association Peer Challenge feedback report to be circulated	Lucy Cherry	Completed 29/12/23

1. Welcome and apologies

- Delivered by PJ.

2. Draft minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

- Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Oxford City Council update

(Caroline Green – Chief Executive, Oxford City Council)

- Update shared, focus items included:
 - Change in the Council's political makeup (change in the breakdown of Members, Labour administration manifesto continues, no impact on Officer's work who work for all, some changes to Council Committees, are to be confirmed)
 - 2024/2025 Budget Setting (A significant challenge for the Council, with pressures from utility costs, inflationary increases, increasing homelessness and temporary accommodation costs and increase in construction costs. The strategy continues as generating income and finding efficiencies. Consultation is due to commence December 2023, with final Budget decision by Council in February 2023.
 - Impact in the City and Communities from conflict in Gaza and Israel (Faith and Community groups have jointly been meeting. A Vigil for Peace is taking place in Broad Street, Oxford on Sunday 5 November 2023 – those from all or no faiths, backgrounds and understanding are invited to attend).
 - Homelessness increases are showing to be almost 100% and temporary accommodation increases at 70% (higher than that in other areas); despite work well done by the Council and strategies to mitigate they are continuing to rise. The exodus of asylum seekers from hotels in the city will add to the pressures. The Council is looking to extend the Public Rental Sector scheme and asking landlords to work with the Council for options for more temporary accommodation in the City.
 - The Park and Ride combined ticket in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council has been extended to April 2024, an initiative that is also designed to help reduce congestions in the City. Other initiatives are being brought through the Councils 2024/2025 budget setting process.
 - The BMW investment in Oxford and Swindon demonstrates their commitment to EV from Oxford.
 - The Council received a good report from the July 2023 Local Government Peer Challenge Review.
 - The City Centre is showing a positive trend of recovery from the pandemic with numbers of 8.5m being recorded.

4. Serious and organised crime in Oxford

- With opportunity for wider discussion on current crime/ community safety issues (Bruce Riddell - Local Police Area Commander Oxford and James Blackmore – Detective Inspector, Intelligence Manager Thames Valley Police)
 - Presentation delivered by BR and JB.
 - Local Serious Organised Crime Profiles
 - What is Serious Organised Crime (SOC)?
 - What is an Organised Crime Group?
 - The Governments Serious and Organised Crime Strategy Framework and the 4Ps (*Pursue, Prepare, Protect, Prevent*)
 - Clear, Hold, Build (*Pursue, Prevent, Protect/Prepare*)
 - Oxford SOC Profile August 2023.

5. [Oxford Local Plan 2040:](#)

(David Butler – Head of Planning Services, Oxford City Council, supported by Rachel Nixon – Principal Planner, Oxford City Council and Arome Agamah – Planner in Planning Policy, Oxford City Council)

- Discussion session to review key areas of focus including housing numbers, new build standards and healthy placemaking
- Presentation delivered by DB
 - Local Plan Stages of preparation
 - Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 19)
 - Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2040
 - Housing Need: A Healthy, Inclusive City to Live In
 - New Build Standards/ Net Zero: Policies
 - Healthy Placemaking/ Connectivity: A green, biodiverse city that is resilient to change, a more equal and inclusive city with strong communities and opportunities for all, policies.
- How to get involved:
 - All consultation documents will be available online at www.oxford.gov.uk/local_plan2040
 - Consultation participation – complete a representation form registering at consultation.oxford.gov.uk or by contacting the planning policy team at planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk
 - Representations will be made publicly available and submitted to the Secretary of State who appoints an Inspector to carry out an independent examination. Process is dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate.

6. Oxford City Council Corporate Strategy 2024/28

(Mish Tullar – Head of Corporate Strategy, Oxford City Council)

- Key strategic milestones



7. Any other business

- Forward planning items for future meetings can be shared with LC and PJ.

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