

Oxford Strategic Partnership Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2021

Attendees:

Caroline Green, Oxford City Council (Chair)
Gill Aitken, University of Oxford
Kate Austin, Oxfordshire County Council
Joseph Barrett, Oxford City Council
Phil Clare, University of Oxford
Ian Green, Oxford Civic Society
Rebecca Cullen, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Cllr Susan Brown, Oxford City Council
Shelley Ghazi, Oxford City Council
Brendan Hattam, Land Securities
Cllr Hayes, Oxford City Council
Lydia Igweh, Oxford Brookes University
Joe Kidman, Thames Valley Police
Emily Lewis-Edwards, Community First Oxfordshire
Jeremy Long, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Nadeem Murtuja, Oxford City Council
Peter Nolan, Chair, Oxford Economic Growth Steering Group
Phil Southall, Oxford Bus Company
Claire Taylor, Oxfordshire County Council
Mish Tullar, Oxford City Council
Cllr Louise Upton, Oxford City Council
Stuart Wilkinson, University of Oxford

Apologies:

Jan Royall, University of Oxford,
Richard Venables, VSL and Partners
Cllr Corkin, Oxfordshire County Council
Frank Nigriello, Unipart Group

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies given by Jan Royall who had vital business in the Lords to attend to.

2. Draft minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

3. Oxford City Update

Caroline Green gave an update on city council services and community support, plans for the future including the managing impacts on city centre, how the council has been supporting local economy, and providing business support & grants. See presentation attached for further information.

4. Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy relaunch

Jeremy Long gave an update on the Inclusive Economy relaunch initiated by Oxford City Council and involving those who had attended the inclusive economy seminars in 2019/2020. This relaunch led to a proposed new structure of an overarching partnership with a steering group sitting under it to oversee a number of working groups.

The steering group met on Monday 26th April and appointed interim leads for each of the working groups, with key tasks to establish proposals for the group and ensure the groups are diverse and inclusive. A Terms of Reference (TOR) for the groups was agreed.

The four working groups, all of which came out of the inclusive growth seminars, are around;

1. Social value and procurement
2. Place based interventions
3. Skills and Education (also looking at the issues raised as part of the education summit) and
4. Inclusive Employers.

There are currently over 40 people from across the country from business, statutory and charitable sectors who have put themselves forward to be involved in the partnership. See attached paper (x) for further information.

Supt Joe Kidman highlighted that he was keen to reboot the initiative put forward through OSP previously to provide mentoring support for Looked After Children, and to encourage organisations to guarantee job interview opportunities for them for appropriate roles.

Action – OSP members to contact Shelley Ghazi if they are interested in getting involved in the partnership.

5. Oxford Anti-Racism Charter

Nadeem Murtuja and Joseph Barrett presented the work undertaken to develop Oxford’s Anti-Racist Charter. The vision of the charter is to collectively commit to proactively making Oxford an anti-racist city; with the charter available for all organisations within the city to support. Nadeem and Joseph set out that the City Council is making an active and conscious effort to have difficult and sometimes uncomfortable conversations about what it means in practice to be anti-racist – both as individuals and across our organisations and institutions. Some of the actions we are looking to take include showcasing the talent and achievements of ethnic minorities and people of colour across the city; launching an Oxford-specific Anti-Racist City Quality/Kite Mark that organisations and community groups can download and incorporate in their stationery and the setting up of a Gender-balanced Race Advisory Group. Partners from across the city are encouraged to engage via Joseph and Nadeem. Further information in paper (x) attached.

Action – OSP members to contact Nadeem or Joseph regarding engagement with Oxfords Anti-Racist Charter.

6. Forward plan

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