

## Oxford Strategic Partnership Steering Group

### Minutes of the meeting held October 2021

#### Attendees:

Caroline Green, Oxford City Council (Chair)  
Gillian Aitken, University of Oxford  
Kate Austin, Oxfordshire County Council  
Maggie James, NHS Oxfordshire CCG  
Jeremy Long, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership  
Supt Bruce Riddell, TVP  
Cllr Glynis Phillips, County Council  
Peter Nolan, Oxford Economic Growth Steering Board  
Matt Peachey, Oxford City Council  
David Munday, Oxfordshire Public Health  
Richard Venables, VSL & Partners  
Phil Southall, Oxford Bus Company  
Rebecca Cullen, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
James Senior, Thames Valley Police  
Mish Tullar, Oxford City Council  
Stuart Wilkinson, University of Oxford  
Cllr Susan Brown, Oxford City Council

#### Apologies:

Claire Taylor, Oxfordshire County Council

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Since we are still in a process finding a new chairman for the meeting therefore CG will lead today's meeting.

#### 2. Draft minutes of the last meeting & matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

- Last time we were talking about the potential developing campaign or other actions to increase reporting of low-level drug dealing issues which were more currently visible in the city. Can we get a follow up on this for a future meeting:

#### Action: Bruce Riddell

- The second action was around the presentation we had around the Communities Impact Zone. Sara Fernandez was looking for any of resources or support from OSP members:

**Action: Any expressions of interest or support from members to go to Mish Tullar to pass on to Sara Fernandez**

#### 3. Oxford City update

Caroline Green gave an update on few issues and developments on what is happening in the Oxford City briefly (**Slides are attached.**)

Support for households after withdrawn of Universal Credit uplift:

- The end of September the announcement from the government regarding £500,000,000 grand finding across the country for the Household Support Grant
- We are expecting more people during wintertime expect the support in the results of that (food, energy, bills, transport)
- Oxfordshire will receive £3.5m which have to be spent by 31 March 2022
- We provided additional support on the Council's page (includes access to food and benefits).

#### Laptop scheme:

- The County Council understands unmet needs in schools for laptops is around 470 laptops needed
- Oxford City Council has circa 250 devices in varying states following the Laptop Refreshment Project recently completed
- 40,000 people across Oxfordshire have no access to the internet
- Oxfordshire Community Foundation is leading and wants to expand the initiative across all the groups expressing Digital Exclusion
- The point to be flagged and to be highlighted that is ongoing project and encourage their members to support this program with donation of devices and financial support (we need others to step up)

#### Safer streets funding:

- Oxford awarded £426k Safer Streets funding to improve safety for women and girls travelling in the city at night
- Funding brings together the Police Crime Commissioner, City Council, County Council, TVP, Oxford and Oxford Brookes Universities, bus companies, BTP, Network Rail and taxi companies
- Creations of Safe zones

#### City Council decarbonisation:

- Our target is to achieve net carbon footprint for Council operations by 2030
- £14m programme which needs to be completed by March 2022

#### Afghan refugee support:

- The work to support the refugees across the City and the County continuous
- The "bridging hotel" in Oxford has now been stood down
- Looking to support the private rented sector and reaching out to landlords (large family housing). On the resettlement schemes we are looking to find up to 10 properties.

#### **4. Stronger communities – annual update**

##### Review on the various Partnership across the Oxford city

- Oxford City Council has launched an online Activities Hub with links to advice on exercise, mental health, learning and cultural activities to help residents find supportive resources while social distancing measures are in place
- The review of the various partnerships across the localities was timely as it coincided with the city council continuing the HUB model across the localities. This model was set up as a response to Covid. KA and MJ have met with each Hub lead and there has also been consultation with members of the Health & Wellbeing

partnerships and the Community Partnerships as to how they prefer the structure of the partnerships ongoing

- There are 5 localities which have a H&WB partnership in some format. These are Barton, Rose Hill, Wood Farm, the Leys (includes both Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys (Northfield Brook)) and Littlemore. Northway doesn't have a H&WB Partnership, but has a Community Partnership and H&WB is part of the agenda. The partnerships work on the basis of wards, whereas the Hub model works across ward boundaries. Much of the data that is used in the H&WB partnerships is at ward level.
- Barton: will continue with separate H&WB and Community partnership groups , Rose Hill: the H&WB partnership now includes the Community partnership and there is a separate resident led Community Network-, Wood Farm: will continue with 2 separate groups, the Leys- the H&WB partnership members have expressed a preference to remain as a separate group. The Community partnership members are being consulted. Littlemore: this was 2 groups, but H&WB is now incorporated in the Community Partnership. The group is currently planning to increase partner membership and develop H&WB priorities
- Each partnership has identified the H&WB priorities to take forward within their area. These are based on the data that we have for certain health indicators, but also on local stakeholder insight of opportunities, issues and needs. The partnerships work on an asset-based approach, building on what's happening in the area and collectively adding value. The partnerships are each currently taking 2 priorities and setting up task and finish sub groups with members volunteering to participate in the sub groups in order to take forward some identified actions.

David Munday – We are working on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for 2022-23. We are keen that JSNA has specific focus on the areas of Oxfordshire where the inequalities lie. Publication will be later than usual- October 22, not the usual April 22- to allow for the JSNA to be informed by the latest census data. This work is complemented by undertaking more detailed “ward profiles” of the wards where our most deprived communities are located. Where these wards are in Oxford City it will involve close working with City Council colleagues and the communities themselves

Glynis Phillips: welcome the review. In Barton we have found the creation of Barton Park and 40% social housing it brings adds complication and further need – we want to promote integration with Barton.

Caroline Green – How we will be able to capture the valuation and impact on that work, how you will identify the benefits?

Kate Austin – Case studies can work well, and we can collate the nos. attending sessions

Maggie James – We can support the Partnership groups e.g.by circulate information important for them to support people (they can be supported to support the public),

Richard Venables – There is similar work needed in Cutteslowe

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Susan Brown – The main issue is that lots of people are not appearing on any statistics (e.g., not registered on GP, high turnover of households) a lot of them not identified.

David Munday – Agree, we need to find out how to avoid the missing people in a system. We've also discovered large nos. of ghost patients on GP records. The JSNA report will be delayed this year till the late spring. We're developing ward profiles to support community engagement. Northfield Brook and Blackbird Leys will be among the first ones produced.

## **5. Oxford Economic Development Strategy @ City Centre Vision – presentation** *(can you get this from Matt for circulation)*

Matt Peachey – We produced these two documents over a significant period that started before the pandemic – and so a lot of changes have been required.

- Strategy and Delivery Plan drafts - consultation on the end of the month
- The focus is on engagement (Prioritisation of actions, ideas for delivery, seeking involvement and partnership)
- Oxford Economic Growth Board has endorsed the strategy
- Key meeting for external partners on the 20th of October
- Oxford has the fastest growing technologies economies in the country, perhaps in the world Huge opportunity for us to grow the zero-carbon sector
- Three pillars of the strategy: Inclusion, Global, Green
- Key areas of focus: connectivity (transport + digital), visitor economy, workspace, city centre vision and action plan.
- Four Key development areas: Northern (new urban development on the boundary with Cherwell), West End (new innovation district), Eastern (development in Barton, evaluation in Oxford Brooks Campus, evolving health clusters around Headington), Southern (urban extensions)
- Key roles for measuring impact: to see the strategy, identify the areas of concerns, engaging the businesses, monitoring, and reviewing the economic position, align action with national strategic plan

Glynis Phillips – Does the post-Covid world change your thinking? Might we have more people living in Oxford city centre?

Matt Peachey – there are many tech firms looking for space in the city centre – seeking dry lab space or other flexible space.

Susan Brown – there's a shortage of versatile workspace in the city and we want to encourage employment close to where people live

Peter Nolan – This is a very ambitious Strategy and Action Plan. It was agreed by a large no of different stakeholders who were involved in its development. We want to start measuring baselines and take this forward. Many new companies spun out of the university are looking for lab-based space or manufacturing space within, or near to the city. For example - Oxford Biomedica will be over 1000 employees in the next 2 years. We really need to have a plan to respond to the demands for employment space.

Matt Peachey - Oxford City Centre Action Plan Consultation Draft October 2021

- Effective COVID-19 response and recovery is vital for the city centre. We also need to be mindful of other key factors e.g. increased working from home, the recovery of the visitor economy, the need to improve public transport
- Consultation Draft to launch October 2021

- 4 Workstreams: Connectivity & Access, Public Realm & Animation, Getting the Mix Right, Getting the Basics Right
- Street-by-Street analysis in the Action Plan – exploring potential location-specific opportunities and considerations to inform a future public realm strategy

Phil Southall – We need to factor in the environmental impacts of increased homeworking (80% more polluting than office workers) and also the impact on our public transport with many choosing to work from home. I hear the spending review will be ‘savage’ on rail and the consequences of this needs to be considered.

## **6. Review and discussion on priorities for the coming year**

Caroline Green – Mish Tullar to email OSP Members and ask them, for their feedback on priorities for the coming year that we can discuss at the next meeting. By the time of the next meeting by the January, we hope to have recruited the new Chair

## **7. AOB**

Bruce Riddell – Recognise that violence against women has been a real concern, and want to reassure colleagues this is a priority for the police. We are holding a series of events to help build engagement and confidence in our policing approach. We have launched Project Vigilant for the night time economy. We’re keen to see how we can work with partners.

Susan Brown – I note the Police and Crime Commissioner will be talking to Oxford City Council in November – we will be expressing our unease and the need for some cultural issues to be addressed by the police.

Caroline Green – A vote of thanks for the work that Shelley Ghazi, Oxford City Council Policy Officer, has done over many years supporting the OSP. She is leaving. *All acknowledged.*

<b>OSP Meeting Date</b>	<b>Agenda Items - tbc</b>
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Mtg 3. <b>12<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> 2:30 - 4:30pm Teams link to follow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City update</li> <li>• Sub-group updates</li> </ul>
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