

## Oxford Strategic Partnership Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019

### Attendees:

Jo Colwell, Oxford City Council  
Phil Clare, University of Oxford  
Shelley Ghazi, Oxford City Council  
Ian Green, Oxford Civic Society  
Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Oxfordshire County Council  
Michelle Johnson, Oxfordshire County Council  
Emily Lewis-Edwards, Community First Oxfordshire  
Jan Royall, University of Oxford, Chair  
Marc Tarbot, Thames Valley Policy  
Ben Threadgold, Oxfordshire County Council  
Mish Tullar, Oxford City Council  
Richard Venables, VSL and Partners  
Jackie Wilderspin, Oxfordshire County Council

### Apologies

Brendan Casey, Oxford Brookes University  
Sharon Barrington, CCG  
Cllr Susan Brown, Oxford City Council  
Caroline Green, Oxford City Council  
Brendan Hattam, Land Securities  
Kathy Hall, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Jo Kidman, Thames Valley Police  
Gordon Mitchell, Oxford City Council  
Frank Nigriello, Unipart Group

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Minutes of meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> June (paper 1) were agreed as correct

### 3. Growth Board update

Mish Tullar gave an update on the position of South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) who had queried whether or not to take forward the Local Plan from the previous administration. At a recent Cabinet meeting SODC voted not to proceed and withdraw the Local Plan. Withdrawal has huge significance, it links to the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid of £280 million investment of infrastructure for Didcot. Also, there are wider ramifications for the Growth Deal itself as all local authorities needed to submit local plans within the timeframe. The matter was to go to full council, however the Secretary of State intervened and instructed SODC not to proceed. As a result of assurances from the Secretary of State the County has been able to agree to take the HIF deal forward in terms of working up details of the plan.

Cllr Hudspeth added to this by highlighting four key infrastructure pieces within this including a bridge in Didcot, new Thames crossing and A40 bypass for Clifton Hampden. The Vale of White Horse Local Plan is predicated on SODC's being successful and there is an ambitious plan to finish infrastructure projects by 2024.

Mish highlighted that discussions across the Arc continue. The issue of the Expressway (supposed to have been determined by this point – with public consultation) has been damaged by the SODC position. The leaders have been meeting across the Arc, and there is view to move forward with a strategic spatial plan, to give people a better understanding of what it means.

The Growth Board is under review, at request of board members, looking at how it is working. There is an online consultation and public meetings, and they hope to conclude the review in the spring.

#### **4. Inclusive Growth update**

The first seminar was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at Somerville College and went well with over 50 attendees. The seminar highlighted theory and practice around inclusive growth, from the global influences that shape inequality in western countries, to how inequality manifests itself in Oxford and the region.

Ed Cox, from the Royal Society of the Arts (RSA), shared the findings of the RSA's work including five inclusive growth principles and how to use this learning to apply a 'whole systems' change for inclusive growth. Professor Brian Nolan, from the Oxford Martin School, spoke on how countries national policy has influenced inequality in the northern hemisphere in the recent past and in the context of increasing globalisation. Dr Mark Fransham brought the inequalities issue home through his quantitative and qualitative research in Oxford as well as comparison with other areas in the UK. Will Hutton, Principal of Hereford College, challenged the audience to think bigger than the Oxfordshire region, and shared a number of ideas about further impact both the city and the University could have on unequal economic growth, ranging from lifelong learning to housing and social enterprise. More information on the outcomes from the seminars and next steps will follow shortly.

#### **5. Oxfordshire Prevention Framework**

Jackie Wilderspin introduced the Oxfordshire Prevention Framework (see presentation attached) as a document that underpins the Health & Well Being Board (H&WB) a board with equal status to the Growth Board. This Prevention Framework will sit alongside the Joint HWB Strategy and includes;

- Details of Oxfordshire priorities – what do we need to prevent?
- Information on evidence based best practice,
- Lists of existing enablers that we can build on
- A range of recommendations

The aim of producing this framework is to

- Improve quality of life by creating and promoting health and wellbeing
- Reduce health inequalities
- Save our public services from the spiralling costs of treating avoidable illness and ongoing needs and improve the efficiency and wellbeing of the workforce.

There is a role for everyone – and the framework is designed to help us all see our own and each other's roles. We need to use this as a vehicle for tackling inequalities

Key to the prevention framework is that the actual health the NHS can influence is only 20% and targeting inequalities is essential in making this work. For example people in deprived areas get ill in their late 50's early 60's due to muscular skeletal issues which means they cannot work. Also circulatory diseases, heart diseases and stroke. We can

impact on the latter for example cardiovascular disease can be reduced by 40% if people follow national guidelines on exercise levels. The framework is an iterative document so feedback is appreciated. Organisations that sit on the H&WB will have a prevention champion. Do we want to consider doing this in our organisations?

After the meeting Jackie Wilderspin shared links to the following bulletins (scroll down link to see bite sized bulletins):

- <http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/joint-strategic-needs-assessment> -
- [https://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/system/files/documents/20191004\\_bitesize\\_IMD2019overview.pdf](https://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/system/files/documents/20191004_bitesize_IMD2019overview.pdf)

Action – feedback on the Prevention Framework and consider having prevention champion in organisation – All

Action – put on agenda for 2020 – Shelley Ghazi

## **6. Looked After Children - Mentoring**

Michelle Johnson, Headteacher, Virtual School for Looked After Children and Care Leavers 0-25, talked through her paper (see attached) on the Care Leavers mentoring pilot. They support well over 500 care leavers in Oxfordshire. Many of these are in education, employment or training and have light touch support from a Personal Advisor from social services as well as the Virtual School on request.

Research has shown that when you surround children from more deprived areas with privilege, then they expect more. However, as children in care's main connection are with the statutory services, they don't always have the breadth of connections that parents may have. Michelle highlighted the example of Manchester who have a care leavers covenant – which promises that every care leaver will have access to a mentor.

Several OSP members were interested in supporting this project and Michelle agreed to come back to the group regarding what the mentoring may look like.

Action – follow up offers of interest and prepare mentor brief by January 2020 – Michelle Johnson

## **7. OSP sub-group updates**

### **Low Carbon Oxford annual update,**

Jo Colwell gave a presentation (see attached) on the work of Low Carbon Oxford including Oxford Green week and big day out as well as other work such as business breakfast, all funded by Oxford City Council.

Oxford City Council declared a climate emergency earlier this year in a council motion. This was followed by another motion committing the council to holding a citizens' assembly to address it. A citizens assembly is a group of people who are brought together to discuss an issue or issues, and reach a conclusion about what they think should happen. The people who take part are chosen so they reflect the wider population – in terms of demographics (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity, social class) and sometimes relevant attitudes (e.g. preferences for a small or large state).

Citizen's assemblies give members of the public the time and opportunity to learn about and discuss a topic, before reaching conclusions. Assembly Members are asked to

make trade-offs and arrive at workable recommendations. The Oxford Citizens Assembly on Climate Change involved representative sample of 50 Oxford residents who learnt about climate change and explored different options to cut carbon emissions through a combination of presentations from experts and facilitated workshops. Extremely fortunate to have excellent support from advice based within the City e.g. Miles Allen from UN IPCC. Oxford is the first city in the UK to deliver a citizens assembly on the topic of climate change.

90% of participants wanted the City Council to go faster than UK Government Legislation which is to reach net zero by 2050. Participants provided a strong message about holistic solutions across the topic areas that we discussed. Interestingly there was also a very strong message about communications – many participants had no idea of the level and range of work that the Council undertakes on climate change – they simply did not use social media or the Oxford Mail. So there was a very strong theme about how we reach residents. Participants were really keen to see the wider social benefits of action around climate change promoted e.g. especially in relation to health. Repeatedly the feedback said be brave, act quickly, be ambitious

Next steps are that we will have a report from IPSOS Mori which will feed into City Council's Corporate Strategy and Sustainability Strategy.

Report now available [here](#) .

## 8. Forward Plan

OSP Meeting Date	Key Agenda Items
<b>Mtg 1. 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020</b> <b>10:30-13:00</b> <b>Somerville College</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Board update</li> <li>• Inclusive growth update</li> <li>• Sub group report - Stronger Communities annual update, Economic Growth six month update</li> <li>• Task &amp; Finish update</li> </ul>
<b>Mtg 2. 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b> <b>10:30-13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Board update</li> <li>• Inclusive growth update</li> <li>• Sub group report - Safer Communities annual update Low Carbon Oxford six month,</li> <li>• Task &amp; Finish update</li> </ul>
<b>Mtg 3. 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b> <b>10:30-13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Board update</li> <li>• Inclusive growth update</li> <li>• Sub group report - Economic Growth annual update &amp; Stronger Communities six monthly update</li> <li>• Task &amp; Finish update</li> </ul>
<b>Mtg 4. 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> <b>10:30-13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Board update</li> <li>• Inclusive growth update</li> <li>• Sub group report - Low Carbon Oxford Annual update, Safer Communities six month update</li> <li>• Task &amp; Finish update</li> </ul>

