

Sub-group report to OSP

OSP sub-group theme: Stronger Communities

Date: 18th February 2019

Date of previous update: March 2018

1. Achievements since last update

The Stronger Communities sub-group of the Oxford Strategic Partnership (OSP) targets the areas of Oxford with the worst outcomes – whether these are outcomes for health, educational attainment, income or life expectancy. The aim of the sub-group is to bring partners together to improve those outcomes. The areas of focus for this work are;

- The Leys
- Rose Hill
- Littlemore
- Barton
- Wood Farm
- Northway

The group continues to meet regularly during the year and has good representation from partners including Oxford City Council Leisure, Communities and Policy teams, Oxfordshire County Council Public Health and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Most recently OCVA have become engaged with the group.

The Stronger Communities group provides a strong foundation for the local partnership work in the areas detailed above and consolidates learning and shares good practice from work across the City.

The Making Every Contact Count (MECC) task and finish workstream has progressed well and there is good engagement and interest in MECC as a key part of the prevention agenda. A detailed update on this work area is appended.

This year has seen the continued review of Health and Wellbeing plans within some of the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships to ensure that they best reflect the assets, needs and priorities of the area. There has been a move away from data laden plans to plans which better capture assets within the community and help track progress against targets agreed with local stakeholders.

There have also been a number of other achievements reported into the group including the Oxford City Youth Conference, development of the Community Impact Zone and City Inequalities project.

Barton Healthy New Town work has continued into its third year with this final phase focussing on consolidation of learning, contributing to national guidance documentation and development of the Team Around the Patient project, which has good engagement from a range of professionals to help improve outcomes for patients. The Barton Healthy New Town Delivery Group have just appointed external evaluators to capture learning and outcomes from specific workstreams identified.

2. Plans for the next six months

Plans for the next 6 months and priorities for the 2019/20 year will be discussed at the next sub group meeting in Feb/March. Potential priorities for discussion may include; continuing with the roll out of MECC, sustainability of the Healthy New Town work including a review of local Partnerships in Barton and continuing to support the development of the Community Impact Zone and City Health Inequalities work. A further update can be provided once the priorities have been agreed.

3. Challenges and/or blocks to progress

There are no particular challenges or blocks to progress to report currently.

4. Requests for OSP support/advice/action/intervention (if required)

- Continued support for the Stronger Communities focus on addressing inequalities.
- Continuing to encourage partners to engage with and adopt the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC).