

Supplementary Papers

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership

held in the The Long Room, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's,
Oxford, OX1 1BX
on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 2.00 pm

4. **Public participation** (Pages 172 - 173)

A statement and questions from Ian Green, on behalf of the Oxford Civic Society relating to the proposed Planning Advisory Group is attached.

5. **Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel update** (Pages 174 - 176)

For action: To receive any recommendations from the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 6 June 2023.

14. **Future Oxfordshire Partnership Forward Plan** (Pages 177 - 182)

For information: To note and comment on the Future Oxfordshire Partnership's Forward Plan.

Public speakers

13 June 2023

1. Ian Green, Chairman Oxford Civic Society

Planning Advisory Group Draft Terms of Reference

Oxford Civic Society is very pleased to see this Draft Terms of Reference – we have been looking forward to it. Our five comments are as follows:

1. **Purpose and objectives:** we are delighted that a Planning Advisory Group is proposed to provide a forum in which local authority members can discuss county-wide strategic planning matters.

We suggest much more emphasis on the provision of a wide-ranging strategic planning forum. The forum provided by the Group would be enriched with the inclusion of business interest groups, community interest groups, academic interests and strategic planning expertise.

A wide-ranging strategic planning forum could provide stimulating ideas from all quarters and could be extremely useful to the local planning authorities and the county council.

2. **Membership and Appointments:** paragraph 2.5 is welcome as it acknowledges that partnerships, with wider partners and experts are expected. But it is unnecessarily qualified in that wider participation will be as the agendas of meetings require.
3. **Meeting Arrangements and Structure:** paragraph 6.2 stipulates that the Group will meet in private. Why? The future of the county is of great public interest.
4. **Work Plan:** one of the gaps in strategic planning in the county is infrastructure investment planning – how do we overcome the massive infrastructure funding shortfall? Could the Planning Advisory Group take this on, with a specialist sub-group looking at innovative funding sources?

This is consistent with one of the suggestions made by FOP for the work of FOP – ‘commissioning a piece of work to explore innovative funding options e.g., land value capture, social bonds to support in financing infrastructure ambitions, as well as other workstreams which support delivery of the Strategic Oxfordshire Vision’.

This is very consistent with an Oxford Civic Society report of July 2022¹ which emphasised the importance of integrated development planning.

5. **Challenge:** the Oxfordshire 2050 Plan largely failed because agreement could not be reached on the rate, pace and distribution of employment and housing growth. Why did it fail? Does the design of the Planning Advisory Group address the reasons for the failure?

¹ Oxfordshire in 2050 – Linking Oxfordshire’ development policies and strategies – a briefing note. Oxford Civic Society, July 2022

Future Oxfordshire Partnership response to recommendations of the Partnership Scrutiny Panel made on 13 June 2023

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership is requested to provide a response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel for decision at its meeting on 6 June 2023.

Recommendation	Comment
<p><u>Item 7: Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) Update</u></p> <p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>The Panel was pleased to see the good progress made in the development of the OIEP. In continuing to support the work of the OIEP, the Panel would request that the OIEP be asked through the Future Oxfordshire Partnership to consider the following summary feedback of points raised by Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst supporting the expansion of initiatives such as Arch Readers in improving education attainment, problems in recruiting and retaining school staff, (for example Teaching Assistants) be recognised • The importance of the promotion and support of co-operative enterprises as part of the OIEP’s social value and procurement workstream • Importance of adult education and the challenges around adult numeracy and literacy, (for example amongst ex-offenders) in address inequality 	

- The importance of developing skills of young people in the emerging green sector such as retrofit and insulation as well as capturing skills and knowledge in traditional areas for the future
- The importance of access to low cost and local travel solutions for disadvantaged groups including young people.
- Higher rates of youth unemployment
- The importance of understanding and taking account of the needs of Oxfordshire's diverse urban and rural communities
- The role of placemaking and the value to be added by the support of local community start-ups in instilling a sense of community pride
- That factors relating to gender be recognised in the context of inequality, for example numbers of women and girls studying STEM subjects, menopause, and lower rates of educational attainment amongst some male cohorts.

Item 9: Delivering the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision for Long Term Sustainable Development

Recommendation 2:

The Scrutiny Panel welcomed the update on work being undertaken to map and identify possible areas for joint working to deliver the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision and noted the progress made.

The Panel requests that the Future Oxfordshire Partnership agree to add to the factors taken into consideration in filtering and selecting the list of future opportunities for joint working 'acting in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' [as referenced in a motion agreed by Oxfordshire County Council 28 March 2023](#)

Item 10: Key Partnership Activity in the Energy Space

Recommendation 3:

The Panel supported the recommendations as set out in report. In addition, it requests:

- a) That through the Green Finance workstream of the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan, consideration be given to funding opportunities which support a decarbonised energy system; the Scrutiny Panel wishes for the workstream to consider [Bristol City Council's success in securing £1bn of investment to support its net zero ambitions as a potential example and model of this.](#)
- b) That opportunities for the application of heat transfer technologies to energy management be investigated, for example use of heat generated from data centres.
- c) That barriers and opportunities to community led projects and a demand side perspective be considered as part of activity in the energy space. For example, the Panel was concerned that the costs and complexity of the planning system could be acting as a barrier to community led solar energy applications.
- d) Clarify how a land use framework or strategic land use principles could be developed and considered to support local area energy planning, and more generally, where it could sit as part of delivering the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision for Long Term Sustainable Development. In the Panel's view this was a matter of urgency.

The Panel also reiterated its view that provision of rooftop solar on new and existing properties should be prioritised over provision on previously undeveloped land.

Future Oxfordshire Partnership Forward Plan

The Forward Plan sets out all forthcoming issues scheduled for meetings of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership. The Plan will be updated and published on the Partnership’s website each month. Where matters for consideration are likely to require the disclosure of exempt information, and the exclusion of the press and public (pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) this will be made clear in the Forward Plan.

13 June 2023 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Election of Chair and Vice-Chair	To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership for the 2023/2024 year	Kevin Jacob, Future Senior Oxfordshire Partnership Democratic Services Officer
Future Oxfordshire Partnership – appointments	To appoint members to external partnerships and the Chairs of the Advisory Groups	Kevin Jacob, Future Senior Oxfordshire Partnership Democratic Services Officer
Updates to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding	To consider proposed changes to the Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership in light of revised reporting requirements relating to the Homes from Infrastructure Programme, end of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 programme, and focus of the Partnership on the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Andrew Down, Future Oxfordshire Partnership Director
Updates to Future Oxfordshire Partnership Advisory	To consider updated draft Terms of Reference for the three existing Advisory Groups for Housing, Infrastructure, and Environment, in addition to a draft Terms of Reference for a proposed Planning Advisory Group,	Beth Wilks, Future Oxfordshire Partnership Manager

Group Terms of Reference.		
A Place Narrative for Oxfordshire	To consider an update on the potential for the development of an Oxfordshire 'Place Narrative' to set out the key elements of its places and people.	Bill Cotton, Corporate Director for Place/ Robin Rogers, Programme Director (Partnerships and Place) Oxfordshire County Council
Delivering the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision for Long Term Sustainable Development	To consider a presentation providing an update on activity to identify additional opportunities for collaborative working which support in delivering the outcomes of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision, with a focus on areas where partnership working brings added value.	Beth Wilks, Future Oxfordshire Partnership Manager
Progress Report from the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership	To consider a paper setting out an update on the progress of the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) priorities and the launch and uptake of the OIEP Charter	Jeremy Long, OIEP Co-Chair/Emma Coles OIEP Manager
Key Activity and Delivery in the Energy Space	To receive an update on some of the key projects and programmes of work across Oxfordshire with regards to energy to facilitate awareness and join-up.	Beth Wilks, Future Oxfordshire Partnership Manager
Reports of Advisory Group Chairs	To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.	Chairs of the Advisory Groups
Reports from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To receive reports from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

25 July 2023 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Q4 Housing from Infrastructure Programme Progress and Financial Report 2022/2023	To receive a progress report and financial summary for Quarter 4 Year 5 (2022/2023) of the Homes from Infrastructure Programme element of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.	John McLauchlan, Head of Infrastructure Delivery/Lorna Baxter, Section 151 Officer Oxfordshire County Council
Progress report from Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership	To receive an update from Oxfordshire's Local Nature Partnership (LNP) on progress against its three priority actions areas of Local nature recovery, natural capital, and people and nature, which support delivery of the ambitions of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision for Long Term Sustainable Development.	Richard Benwell, Chair of the LNP.
Oxfordshire Skills Landscape	To receive a report providing an overview of the skills delivery landscape within Oxfordshire, and the relevant local and national policy; update on emerging themes within the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) to be included.	Richard Byard, Director of Business Development, OxLEP
Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan 2023	To receive an update on progress to develop the emerging Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire.	Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, OxLEP
Update on Homes England Strategic Plan 2023 to 2028	To receive an update on the Homes England Strategic Plan 2023 to 2028 – implications and opportunities for Oxfordshire.	Catherine Turner/Sian Carter, Homes England
Reports of Advisory Group Chairs	To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.	Chairs of the Advisory Groups
Reports from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of	To receive reports from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

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26 September 2023 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Q1 Housing from Infrastructure Programme Progress and Financial Report 2023/2024	To receive a progress report and financial summary for Quarter 1 Year 6 (2023/2024) of the Homes from Infrastructure Programme element of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.	John McLauchlan, Head of Infrastructure Delivery/Lorna Baxter, Section 151 Officer Oxfordshire County Council

28 November 2023 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Q2 Housing from Infrastructure Programme Progress and Financial Report 2023/2024	To receive a progress report and financial summary for Quarter 2 Year 6 (2023/2024) of the Homes from Infrastructure Programme element of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.	John McLauchlan, Head of Infrastructure Delivery/Lorna Baxter, Section 151 Officer Oxfordshire County Council
Update on the next phase of the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy	To receive an update on progress to scope the next iteration of the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy, (OxIS) with a focus on addressing any gaps in strategic infrastructure.	Paul Staines, Interim Head of Programme
Update on operationalising the prioritised actions in the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan	To receive an update on operationalising the prioritised actions in the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan.	Suzanne Malcolm, Deputy Chief Executive Place, South and Vale Councils

Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan 2023	To consider the Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire.	Nigel Tipple, Chief Executive, OxLEP
Reports of Advisory Group Chairs	To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.	Chairs of the Advisory Groups
Reports from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To receive reports from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

30 January 2024 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Progress update on activity withing the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership delivery plan.	To consider a paper setting out an update on the progress of the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP) priorities and the launch and uptake of the OIEP Charter	Jeremy Long Co-Chair/Emma Coles OIEP Manager
Reports of Advisory Group Chairs	To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.	Chairs of the Advisory Groups
Reports from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To receive reports from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

20 March 2024 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Q3 Housing from Infrastructure Programme Progress and Financial Report 2023/2024	To receive a progress report and financial summary for Quarter 3 Year 6 (2023/2024) of the Homes from Infrastructure Programme element of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. TBC	John McLauchlan, Head of Infrastructure Delivery/Lorna Baxter, Section 151 Officer Oxfordshire County Council
Reports of Advisory Group Chairs	To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.	Chairs of the Advisory Groups
Reports from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To receive reports from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

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Items to be scheduled

	Description	
Proposals for a new reservoir near Abingdon – FOP consultation response/TBC	TBC	TBC
Local Transport & Connectivity Plan - Vision Zero	TBC	TBC