

Agenda

OXFORDSHIRE

G R O W T H B O A R D

Oxfordshire Growth Board

Monday 22 March 2021 at 2.00 pm
Virtual meeting viewable by weblink

From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, the Oxfordshire Growth Board meetings are managed by Vale of White Horse District Council.

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Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council
Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council
(which holds the Chair)

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Leader of Oxford City Council

Leader of Oxfordshire County Council

Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council

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Chair, Oxfordshire Skills Board

Universities representative

OxLEP business representative - Bicester

OxLEP business representative – Oxford City

OxLEP business representative – Science Vale

Homes England representative

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Environment Agency representative

Councillor Sue Cooper

Councillor Emily Smith

Councillor Barry Wood

Councillor Susan Brown

Councillor Ian Hudspeth

Councillor Michele Mead

Jeremy Long

Adrian Lockwood

Professor Alistair Fitt

Miranda Markham

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Dr Kiren Collison

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Notes:

1. *The meeting will be web streamed. Please see the note at <http://democratic.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=543&MId=2783> on how to observe the meeting.*
2. *One member, one vote for each constituent local authority member only.*

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence; declarations of interest and Chair's announcements**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 13)

To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Oxfordshire Growth Board meeting held on 26 January 2021.

3. **Public participation** (To Follow)

Asking a question and addressing the Board

Questions or requests to make an address (in full and in writing) must be received by **5pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021** three clear working days before the Growth Board meeting.

Questions and addresses should be no longer than one side of A4 paper in Arial 12 font. The statement or question will be circulated to the Panel and public speakers will be invited to speak at the virtual meeting. Written submissions may also be read out by the Chair or Democratic Services Officer where requested or if the person making the request for public speaking is not able to attend the meeting. A response may be given at the meeting or a written answer supplied. The Chair will have discretion to manage the public participation procedure as they see appropriate. Questions and notice of addresses must be submitted to democratic.services@oxfordshiregrowthboard.org

Note: This meeting may be recorded for live broadcast via the Growth Board's [YouTube Channel](#) - at the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm the meeting is being filmed. By registering to speak you are consenting to being recorded and to the use of those video and audio recordings for webcasting.

4. **Growth Board Scrutiny Panel update**

(a) **Recommendations from the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel meeting** (To Follow)

For action: To receive any recommendations from the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 16 March 2021. (To follow)

(a) **Scrutiny Panel Task and Finish Group Report - private investment in infrastructure** (To Follow)

For action: To consider outcomes from the Task and Finish Group Review which has explored options for securing private investment in public infrastructure projects. Consideration of this item is provisional and subject to the report receiving endorsement by the Scrutiny Panel on 16 March 2021. (To follow)

5. **Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study: Completion and Next Steps**

(Pages 14 - 30)

For action: To consider endorsing the next stage of work to be progressed in partnership with Network Rail.

6. **Oxfordshire Strategic Vision** (To Follow)

For action: To consider endorsement of a revised Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire.

7. **Establishment of a Growth Board Environmental Subgroup** (To Follow)

For action: To consider a proposal to establish an Environment Advisory Sub-group for the Growth Board, together with a draft set of Terms of Reference for endorsement.

8. **Housing and Growth Deal Reports**

(a) **Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Progress Report - Year 3, Quarter 3** (Pages 31 - 40)

For information: To receive the 2020/2021 Quarter 3 progress report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and endorse any amendments to the programmes of work as necessary.

(b) **Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Financial Report - Year 3, Quarter 3** (Pages 41 - 49)

For information: To note a financial summary for 2021/2022 Quarter 3 for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

(c) **Infrastructure sub-group update** (Pages 50 - 54)

For information: To note an update from the Infrastructure Sub-Group. Summary notes from the meetings held on 8 February 2021 and 1 March 2021 attached.

(d) **Housing sub-group update** (Pages 55 - 57)

For information: To note an update from the Housing Sub-Group. Summary notes from the meeting held on 23 February 2021 are attached.

(e) **Oxfordshire Plan 2050 sub-group update** (Pages 58 - 60)

For information: To note an update from the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Sub-Group. Summary notes from the meeting held on 18 February 2021 are attached.

(f) **Joint Oxfordshire Plan 2050/Infrastructure Subgroup** (Pages 61 - 62)

For information: To note an update from a joint meeting of Oxfordshire Plan 2050/Infrastructure Sub-Groups. Summary notes from meeting held on 21 January 2021 are attached.

9. **Growth Board Forward Plan** (Pages 63 - 65)

For information: To note and comment on the Growth Board's Forward Plan.

10. **Updates on matters relevant to the Growth Board**

Growth Board members and officers may verbally update the Board concerning progress on matters previously before the Board for consideration, listed in the forward plan, or relevant to the Board's future consideration. This is for the sharing of information, except where any actions are required that cannot reasonably be deferred to the next meeting.

11. **Oxford to Cambridge Arc Update** (Pages 66 - 68)

For information: To receive an update from the Chair of the Growth Board's Executive Officer Group concerning developments within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

12. **Appointment to England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum**

For action: To appoint a member of the Growth Board to England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum as an associate member. The appointment requires this to be an elected member from one of the constituent local planning authorities.

13. **Dates of next meetings**

For action: To confirm the schedule of meetings for 2021/2021. Please refer to <https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org/meetings/> for the most up to date information on times and locations.

- 8 June 2021
- 19 July 2021
- 20 September 2021
- 23 November 2021
- 25 January 2022
- 22 March 2022
- 7 June 2022

- 26 July 2022

Councillors' duties on declaring interests

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the council's area; licences for land in the council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's register of interests which is publicly available on the council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your register of interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Member's Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Councillors' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

