

Agenda



The Future Oxfordshire Partnership

Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 2.00 pm
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AGENDA

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

2 **Minutes** (To Follow)

To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership meeting held on 28 November 2023.

3 **Public participation** (To Follow)

Asking a question and addressing the Partnership

Questions or requests to make an address (in full and in writing) must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 24 January 2024**, three clear working days before the Future Oxfordshire Partnership meeting.

Questions and addresses should be no longer than one side of A4 paper in Arial 12 font. The address or question will be circulated to the Partnership and public speakers will be invited to speak at the 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 futureoxfordshirepartnership@southandvale.gov.uk

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4 **Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel update** (To Follow)

For action: To receive any recommendations from the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 22 January 2024.

5 **Healthy Place Shaping Update and the new Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire** (Pages 6 - 17)

For action: To consider a report setting out an update on progress with delivery of health place shaping across Oxfordshire and to present the new Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire.

6 **Advisory Group updates**

To receive updates from the Chairs of the advisory groups and summary notes from these meetings if available.

6a **Environment Advisory Group update** (Pages 18 - 22)

For information: To receive an update from the Environment Advisory Group. Summary notes

from the meeting held on 9 November 2023 are attached and a verbal update will be given on the meeting to be held on 18 January 2024.

6b Planning Advisory Group update (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive an update from the Planning Advisory Group meeting held on 15 December 2023.

7 Future Oxfordshire Partnership Forward Plan (Pages 23 - 26)

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

8 Updates on matters relevant to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership (Verbal Report)

Future Oxfordshire Partnership members and officers may verbally update the Board on progress on matters previously before the Partnership for consideration, listed in the forward plan, or relevant to the Partnership's future decisions. This is for the sharing of information and no decisions will be taken.

Currently verbal updates are expected on the following matters:

- OxLEP Integration
- A place narrative for Oxfordshire

9 Updates from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive updates from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.

10 Dates of next meetings

The dates of Future Oxfordshire Partnership meetings are below. Please refer to <https://futureoxfordshirepartnership.org/meetings/> for the most up to date information on times and locations.

- **Wednesday** 20 March 2024

Provisional dates for June 2024 to March 2025 to be presented to the March meeting

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.

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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.

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To: Future Oxfordshire Partnership

Title of Report: Healthy Place Shaping Update and the new Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire

Date: 30 January 2024

Report of: Rosie Rowe, Head of Healthy Place Shaping and
David Munday, Deputy Director of Public Health

Status: Open

Executive Summary and Purpose:

To provide an update on progress with delivery of health place shaping across Oxfordshire and to present the new Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire.

How this report contributes to the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision Outcomes:

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership's Strategic Vision identifies as a key priority that our residents will be healthier and happier, and overall wellbeing will have improved. The scaling of healthy place shaping across Oxfordshire to strengthen the building blocks of health and the development of a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the County seek to deliver this outcome.

Recommendations:

1. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership endorses the new Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire.
2. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership continues to support healthy place shaping as a strategic priority in enabling the regeneration of existing communities and the development of new communities which promote health and wellbeing.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: HPS Health Needs Assessment: Findings and Recommendations

Appendix 2: [Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Oxfordshire \(2024-2030\) Full Final Version.](#)

Introduction

1. Since 2019 Oxfordshire's system partners have been working together to collectively address the wider determinants of health, strengthening these building blocks in places of greatest need, through healthy place shaping.
2. Healthy place shaping (HPS) is a systems wide approach which aims to create sustainable, well designed, thriving communities where it is easy to be healthy and which provide a sense of belonging, identity and community. It involves action across the following three key workstreams:
 - **The built environment** – Shaping the built environment, green spaces and infrastructure at a local level to improve health and wellbeing.
 - **Community activation** – Working with local people, local community organisations, businesses and schools to engage them in developing places, facilities and services which create health
 - **New models of care** – Re-shaping health, wellbeing and care services, and the infrastructure which supports them, to prevent future poor health and wellbeing.

HPS applies to existing communities in Oxfordshire as well as new developments and is a key mechanism for addressing health inequalities and promoting good health and well-being.

3. HPS is both an approach and a programme of work. HPS principles need to inform policy and strategy but place based activity is also required to deliver tangible change to improve the building blocks of health. In so doing HPS also supports essential action to address the climate emergency as strengthening the building blocks of health and reducing our carbon footprint are deeply interconnected.
4. In 2019 the Growth Board (now Future Oxfordshire Partnership) agreed that it should be a cross cutting theme across its work programmes and the Head of Healthy Place Shaping in Public Health was asked to lead this activity, working with a network of officers drawn from the County, District and City Councils. This was identified as a key mechanism for linking health with planning and creating healthy communities was identified as a key part of the [Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire](#). Progress in scaling HPS across Oxfordshire is reported [here](#).
5. This report summarises the findings of a three-year evaluation (funded by Sport England) of the system approach of healthy place shaping and those of a health needs assessment of healthy place shaping. The needs assessment was commissioned by OCC's public health team to set the future direction of this programme, to identify any gaps in our work and the priority interventions which will strengthen the building blocks for health. This is to inform the strategies and policies of our wider system partners including the new Health & Wellbeing Board strategy.
6. **Healthy Place Shaping System Evaluation Findings**

The systems evaluation has been completed by PHAST, an external specialist public health consultancy; its key findings are summarised below.

7. The evaluation found that HPS is addressing a broad range of the priority health needs and challenges across Oxfordshire through action on the building blocks of health including: active travel; access to nature; more inclusive employment; a health enabling built environment; warm homes.

8. **Built environment**

This has been the most successful workstream, with many projects focused on creating places to support physical activity such as Kidlington's interactive wayfinding project. At a policy level, HPS is increasingly included in corporate and Local Plans and in planning policies including 20-minute neighbourhoods, community activation and active travel. The new Health Impact Assessment toolkit and its integration into the planning process has been an important success. There is an active health and planning forum to inform policy development.

10. **Community Activation**

Successes include good demonstration projects such as the community outreach active travel programme which grant funds to community groups in areas of greatest deprivation and in market towns where improvements to cycling infrastructure are being delivered to engage people with the greatest barriers to walking and cycling. There is a renewed focus on nature with HPS input to the Local Nature Partnership and the establishment of a Health and Nature subgroup where environmental voluntary groups can learn and share good practice and can influence policy. Good existing relationships helped the activation of local community support during the early covid lockdowns and in the cost-of-living crisis to develop cross system support to address poor housing conditions and reduce energy costs.

11. **New models of care**

There has been good progress in supporting the delivery of adult social care's *The Oxfordshire Way* which promotes prevention to enable people to continue to live independently in their own home with community support. However, there has been less progress with NHS engagement, partly due to the pressure of covid, recovery and reorganisation on the NHS. There is a specific issue with infrastructure where there is seen to be a disconnect between developers who would like to be able to plan for a small two or three partner GP practice on their big development to attract residents, and the new model of primary care that tends to focus on bigger 'health hubs'. There is also a lack of capacity within the NHS to progress estates issues.

The Integrated Care System offers a renewed opportunity for HPS to connect with the NHS on HPS in relation to prevention, inequalities, social value and connections to the voluntary sector.

12. The findings recommend that HPS should continue to be funded to be further embedded across Oxfordshire, using HPS as both a programme of work and as an approach. Programme work - including specific targeted projects in our communities with greatest needs - is necessary alongside more systems-level approaches, in order to demonstrate to the population, community and leaders, how local activities can improve health and wellbeing.

Healthy Place Shaping Health Needs Assessment

13. The findings and recommendations of the needs assessment are detailed in Appendix 1. In summary it concludes that HPS should retain the focus on the three

workstreams, but also specifically recognise cross cutting activities. In addition, HPS should explicitly take a “Health in All Policies” approach within and across the three workstreams and continue to collaborate with wider partners. Priority areas for future action were developed as part of the needs assessment process following discussion with partners in the City and District Councils and across the health and care system. These priorities are summarised in Table 2; they reflect the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the legacy of Covid on communities and have informed the new Health & Wellbeing Board strategy.

Table 2: Healthy Place Shaping System Priorities 2023-26

Focus	HPS pillar	Key external partners	Proposed activity
Support Cycling and Walking Activation to increase physical activity – especially in communities with greatest need	Built environment and community activation	District Council sports and leisure teams and environmental health teams, VCSE	Cycling and Walking Activation programme – partnership steering group to increase active travel
Promote green prescribing and access to nature to improve mental wellbeing	Built environment and community activation and new models of care	PCNs, District Council, community development and conservation officers, VCSE	Support the work of the Local Nature Partnership and development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Promote place based activities to promote access to nature
Provide support to Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership (OIEP)	Community activation	District Council Economic Development teams, VCSE, OXLEP, major employers	Support the OIEP delivery plan and the development of an anchor network to promote a more inclusive economy
Promote warm, safe homes	Built environment, new models of care	District/City Council Housing teams, VCSE, PCNs, ICS, Community Health Services, PI	Better Housing, Better Health services and increased engagement with housing associations
Promote asset-based prevention through the Oxfordshire Way Support population health management that promotes prevention	New models of care and community activation	PCNs, ICS, Community Health Services, District Councils	Promote new models of care that support prevention through asset based approaches
Support ongoing work between health and planning	Built environment	District/City Council/OCC planners, developers, consultants	Provide data and advice to inform Local Plans to ensure that they identify creating healthy communities as a strategic priority. Proactively inform the plans of strategic developments, including using Health Impact Assessment to encourage the creation of healthy enabling environments
Promote climate action Take action to improve air quality	Built environment	District/City Council, ICB, NHS Trusts/environmental VCSE	Work to reduce air pollution and support activities that reduce the health impacts of climate change and that support delivery of net zero targets

OXFORDSHIRE'S JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

Introduction

14. Organisations across the Health and Wellbeing Board have developed a new Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2024-2030, which has been informed throughout by the Integrated Care System (ICS) Strategy and the Oxfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The strategy content has been developed through a process of early engagement with people and communities across Oxfordshire, a workshop with the Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Board, full public consultation and several HWB Board discussions. A cross-organisational Task and Finish (T&F) group has led the work on behalf of the HWB Board throughout the process.
15. The strategy offers a strong, unified vision for improved health and wellbeing and will act as the primary *place* strategy for health and wellbeing in Oxfordshire. Throughout this process FOP members have been involved, from representation on the T&F group to contributing to development of the strategy through a workshop held in September 2023 and through assisting in drafting content of the final strategy. This close partnership working is at the heart of the strategy ensuring it is a strategy developed by and for delivery by the whole system.

Background and Process

16. **Initial planning & data:** On 16 March 2023, the HWB approved initial plans to update Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and form a cross-organisational Task and Finish group to drive progress between meetings. The Task and Finish Group has overseen the publication of JSNA 2023 and used its findings to inform emerging themes for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. All organisations on the Health and Wellbeing Board helped draw up a longlist of priorities, principles, and enablers and helped determine the strategy's structure, informed by the ICS Strategy published in March 2023.
17. **Priorities and structure:** On 29 June 2023, the Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed and commented on the longlist of draft priorities, principles, and enablers—as well as a draft structure. The Board emphasised the need to achieve focus by outlining a limited list of priorities. The Task and Finish Group led a process of refinement, considering the longlist against the priorities of people across Oxfordshire, the needs as outlined in the JSNA, and considering where we can make greatest contribution in partnership.
18. **Extensive early engagement:** The Task and Finish group oversaw a thorough process of early public engagement, led by Healthwatch and Oxfordshire County Council, to ensure that residents' views informed the strategy's approach and priorities. Healthwatch Oxfordshire's work engaged residents from all backgrounds across the entire County on streets, at events, and via an online survey. To complement this, the County Council led detailed focus groups with seldom heard communities to ensure the strategy is informed by residents at greatest risk of poor health outcomes. Engagement reports from both pieces of work were brought to Oxfordshire's Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
19. **Draft strategy:** The Task and Finish Group worked together to develop a draft strategy which was shared with Health and Wellbeing Board members on 1st September before a workshop of Board members on 7th September. The output from that workshop was used to refine the strategy further and build the full draft that was reviewed and approved for public consultation at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5th October 2023.

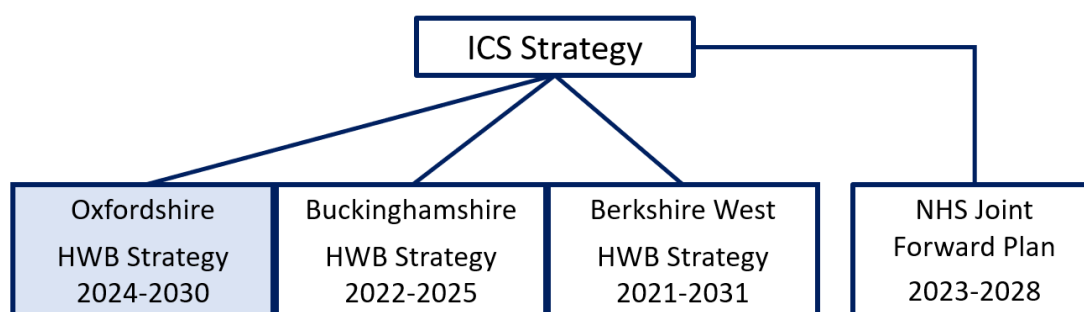
20. **Consultation:** A full public consultation was undertaken in October and November. This included using a consultation web-platform, a public webinar and, several face-to-face meetings with stakeholder groups. The findings of the consultation were used to inform the final version of the strategy. The vast majority (90-95%) of respondents fully or partly agreed with the strategy’s principles, priorities and enablers.

Strategy Content

21. **Oxfordshire’s One Place Strategy-** The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will act as the primary **place** strategy for health and wellbeing in Oxfordshire, bringing together partners to deliver a shared ambition: our “true north”. Whilst a Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire Berkshire West Integrated Care Strategy and an NHS Joint Forward Plan have been published in the last 12 months for the overall Integrated Care System, this will be the single strategy at the Oxfordshire Place footprint that all local partners, including our Place Based Partnership, are signed up to.

22. **How this relates to the Integrated Care Strategy-** The new Health and Wellbeing Strategy aligns closely with the ICS strategy—both adopt a life course approach, focus on the need for prevention, and target health inequalities, highlighting Oxfordshire’s 10 priority wards.

Figure 1: intersection between ICS Strategy, NHS Forward Plan, and local Health and Wellbeing Strategy



23. **A broad view of wellbeing-** The Health and Wellbeing Strategy focuses on wellbeing in its broadest sense, moving beyond a clinical or service-oriented view, towards a community-oriented view. The strategy therefore reflects the building blocks of health, e.g., deprivation, housing, employment, which significantly influence health and wellbeing—and are drivers of increasing need for services. Ensuring these building blocks

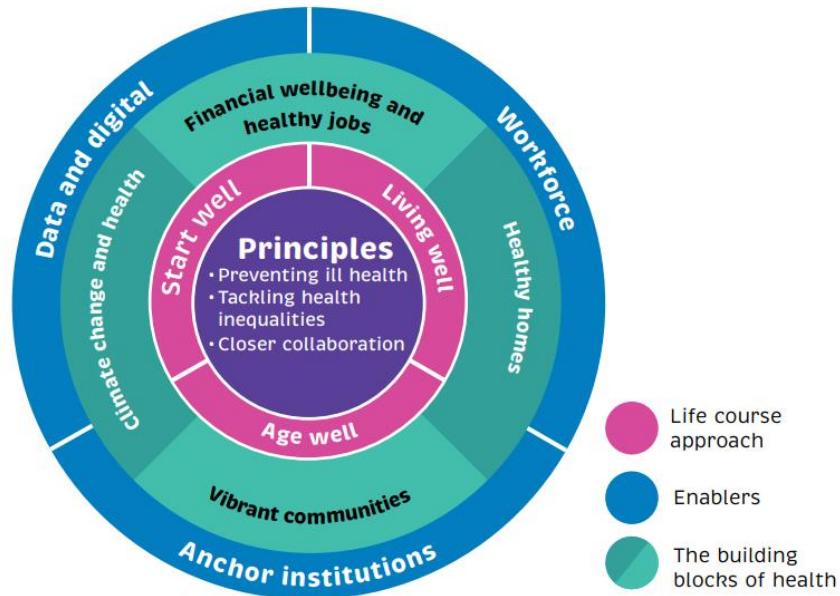
of health are in place in Oxfordshire is a fundamental role of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

24. Summary of the strategy

The Strategy is made up of the following 4 elements;

- **Principles-** Health Inequalities, Prevention and Closer Collaboration

Health and wellbeing strategy



- **Life course priorities**

- Start Well
 1. The best start in life
 2. Children and young people’s emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Live Well
 3. Healthy people, Healthy Places,
 4. Physical activity and active travel
- Age Well
 5. Maintain independence
 6. Strong social relationships

- **Building Blocks of Health-**

7. Financial wellbeing and healthy jobs
8. Climate change and health
9. Healthy homes
10. Thriving communities

- **Enablers-** Workforce, Data and digital and Anchor institutions

Every section of the strategy uses the 3 principles to focus the ambition and content. Each section has an ambition statement, data and insight as to why the priority is important, aspirations of what we want to achieve by 2030 and some initial steps for action.

Next Steps and Implementation

25. To be effective, a strategy must translate into action. We have learned from the current Health and Wellbeing Strategy that if this is not in place it is harder to drive forward action. We also know that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some of our shared ambition had to change to respond to shared challenges. Therefore, this time round it's very important to have a delivery plan and an outcomes framework that can be monitored to ensure delivery. However, the first step is to develop a set of priorities that partners can sign up to before an action plan or an outcomes framework. We aim to publish an associated delivery plan and outcomes framework in March 2024, following shortly on the heels of the strategy itself. This ensures that, as a system, we can first decide *what* our priorities are, then outline *how* we will deliver them.
26. The outcomes framework will outline key performance indicators (KPIs) and outcomes for each priority area. The delivery plan will detail how respective organisations will work together to deliver these priorities, KPIs, and outcomes, year-on-year. Implementation of the delivery plan will be the responsibility of existing sub-groups of the Board, which will report directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Board will receive regular reports about progress on the delivery plan and will monitor impact through the outcomes framework.

Financial Implications

27. The system evaluation identified that HPS is a cost-effective approach to promoting prevention. It does require investment as a programme of work and the needs assessment identifies where resources should be prioritised. It is hoped that the findings of the evaluation and the needs assessment will be used by partners to make the case for ongoing investment in HPS from their organisation.
28. There are no direct financial implications associated with development of the Health & Wellbeing Board strategy. The Officer resource required to develop the work has required and continues to require contribution from partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16th March 2023. All partners on the HWB Board will need to use organisational resource to support delivery of this strategy.

Legal Implications

29. The development of Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy meets the Health and Wellbeing Board's statutory duty to publish a strategy to address the health needs of the local population. The consultation report addresses the HWB's legal duty to consult with the public regarding a draft strategy.

Other Implications

30. Tackling health inequalities plays a key role in the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The strategy places front and centre the need to tackle avoidable and unfair inequalities in health outcomes and experiences, and access to health and care services. This guiding principle is driven by insights from JSNA 2023.
31. The new HWB strategy includes a priority regarding the impact of climate change on health, including air quality, access to nature, and the built environment. The final strategy builds on and affirms existing partnership-wide climate action commitments,

recognising the impact this has on residents' health and wellbeing. In seeking to create healthy, sustainable communities, HPS is a mechanism for addressing climate change and promoting individual health and wellbeing.

Conclusion

32. This paper recommends that:

- The Future Oxfordshire Partnership endorses the new Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire
- The Future Oxfordshire Partnership continues to support healthy place shaping as a strategic priority in enabling the regeneration of existing communities and the development of new communities which promote health and wellbeing.

Background Papers

Appendix 1 Healthy Place Shaping Health Needs Assessment: Findings and Recommendations

Appendix 2 [Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Oxfordshire \(2024-2030\) Full Final Version.](#)

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Appendix 1: Healthy Place Shaping Health Needs Assessment

Findings and Recommendations

1. The needs assessment identified a number of high-level recommendations. While these are largely structured around the three healthy place shaping (HPS) workstreams, they also include specific recommendations on inequalities and on more strategic cross cutting issues.

2. **On HPS overall**
 - HPS should continue to be supported to develop its potential to improve health and decrease inequalities in Oxfordshire, both as a programme and as an approach.

 - HPS should retain the focus on the three workstreams, but also specifically recognise cross cutting activities [below]. In addition, HPS should explicitly take a “Health in All Policies” approach within and across the 3 workstreams and continue to collaborate with wider partners.

3. **On inequalities**
 - Retain the HPS focus on the current 10 most deprived areas across Oxfordshire.
 - If more resources are available, identify and focus on small MSOAs of high deprivation elsewhere within each District. These should be recognisable communities.
 - Ensure that coordination of Oxfordshire wide and intra-organisational approaches and activities related to inequalities is improved.
 - Specifically consider how to identify and enable better access to health and well-being for those individuals and sub populations with the greatest need.

4. On each of HPS’s workstreams

Built environment

- The approach to Health Impact Assessments is good and well received but needs to go further into Health in All Policies.
- Build in access to nature / green spaces / climate change adaptation and mitigation more.
- Explore how to improve the use of section 106 by better training and links with NHS / ICBs / other organisations or funding sources.
- Look at how to improve existing urban environments, drawing on good practice elsewhere.
- Consider how to address existing housing infrastructure / quality, including via Housing Associations.
- Consider whether it is possible to amend existing planning permissions to include provision for health and healthy behaviours.
- Use licensing mechanisms to control gambling, fast food, alcohol etc.

- Consider how to use leisure centres better and differently e.g. co-location with social prescribing and other services, with their role one of supporting physical activity not just as a physical building.

Community activation

- This is central to all HPS but be creative about how to support and drive it, so use social media as well as existing third sector organisations.
- Continue to use asset-based approaches, behavioural insights and small grant approaches.
- Explore how to connect locally with PCN activity including health coaches and social prescribers.

New models of care

- Consider re-naming this workstream
- New Models of Care needs to focus on prevention including population health management prevention activities and social prescribing.
- Use opportunities offered by anchor institutions for HPS prevention initiatives with communities, patients, workforce and environment.
- Use opportunities offered by Oxfordshire Way for prevention in the community

Cross cutting activities

- Strengthen high level strategic partnerships with NHS including both ICB and PCNs.
- More specific place-based initiatives should be developed bottom up, drawing on good community activation.
- Develop a strategic and operational communications plan covering communications about HPS and its initiatives with/to public [including social media], between and within organisations
- Consider banning advertising of unhealthy products broadly or near schools, learning from experience of other areas' achievements
- Recognise and build on the role of national partners in supporting local strategy and development.
- Sustain focus on use of data to support evaluation and to drive change and progress. Expand the basket of HPS indicators reported for the first time in the 2023 JSNA and encourage use of a Minimum Data Set for HPS projects
- On funding, beyond HPS's specific resources, there is a need to resource inequalities better, including trying to mainstream increased investment in prevention.

As part of the needs assessment there was discussion with system partners as to priority areas for action given the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and the legacy of Covid on communities. These priorities are summarised in Table 2 in the main report.

Notes

OF A MEETING OF THE



The Future Oxfordshire Partnership Environment Advisory Group

HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 3.00 PM

Present:

Councillors: David Rouane (Chair), Andrew McHugh, Andrea Powell, Andrew Prosser, Anna Railton, Pete Sudbury and Bethia Thomas

Officers: Ian Boll (Cherwell District Council), Becky Chesshyre (Oxfordshire Partnerships), Ariane Crampton (Oxfordshire County Council), Inga Doherty (Oxfordshire County Council), Jessie Fieth (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils), Sarah Gilbert (Oxfordshire County Council), Susan Harbour, Dale Hoyland (Oxfordshire County Council), Alex Jeffery (Future Oxfordshire Partnership), Hannah Kenyon (West Oxfordshire District Council), Dominic Lamb (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils), Suzanne Malcolm (Senior Responsible Officer), Mish Tullar (Oxford City Council), David Yates (Future Oxfordshire Partnership).

101 Apologies for absence and notification of substitutes; declaration of interests; Chair's announcements

None.

102 Notes of the previous meeting

The notes of the previous meeting held on 08 September 2023 were agreed to be an accurate record of matters discussed. All actions arising from that meeting had been completed.

103 Forward work programme

The Chair advised members of the group that the EAG work programme could be developed further following the FOP workshop and subsequent discussion at the next FOP meeting on 28 November 2023.

Officers asked whether Biodiversity Net Gain obligations should be revisited as part of the forward work programme. Susan Harbour advised officers and members that this

workstream had been picked up by the Planning Advisory Group (PAG) and Matt Whitney, Local Nature Partnership Manager, was running a session with PAG members next week.

Members praised the effectiveness of the Environment Advisory Group and wanted to maintain the momentum of the advisory group. Members highlighted the importance of being aware of all work programmes for the FOP advisory groups.

Action: Alex Jeffery to remind Councillor David Rouane to raise Biodiversity Net Gain during work programme discussion at FOP on 28 November 2023.

104 Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership (OLNP)

Matt Whitney, Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership (OLNP) Manager, spoke to this agenda item.

In term of a general update, Matt advised members that the OLNP was supporting Oxfordshire County Council along with the other councils in Oxfordshire to produce the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). In terms of completion of the LNRS, Matt advised members that full adoption was anticipated for the end of the 2024/2025 financial year.

On policy advocacy locally the OLNP through a policy subgroup was setting the position of the OLNP on various local issues. Nationally the OLNP had been pushing central government for LNRS to be embedded in local plans. In response to questions about the LNRS and local plans, officers suggested that most local planning authorities were putting 'hooks' into the local plans for the LNRS, for it to be referenced and used as a tool when it was finalised.

Updating members on green finance, Matt noted that the bulk of focus for the OLNP at present was putting in place the building blocks to deliver the LNRS through green finance. The nature finance strategy for Oxfordshire sets out the framework on how to leverage private money to deliver nature-based recovery and solutions. The OLNP were about to deliver a set of workshops on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and the OLNP had created a set of guiding principles which the workshop would be framed around, and how the LNP and partners can support LPAs to make the best success of BNG.

Members queried the geography of landowners in the county who had the ability to host offset projects and specifically sought an update on the progress of carbon offset projects. Matt advised members that the offset market varied from district to district but part of the upcoming BNG workshops would look at whether there was a role for LPAs to support the availability of offsite BNG units. On carbon offset projects, Matt explained that tree planting for carbon did not pay farmers enough money to be a viable option but on soil carbon Matt advised the Northeast Cotswold Farmer Cluster were at the forefront of soil carbon nationally. Although the verification of soil carbon was a global issue, in the meantime, Matt suggested that local authorities should consider how they could support farmer clusters.

On nature and health, Matt updated members that a nature and health project manager was in post and the OLNP had recently worked with the University of Oxford to produce an accessible greenspace report which cross-referenced indices of deprivation with availability of accessible natural green space. Matt noted the report and recommendations to address the disparity and unfair distribution of accessible green space should be available in the coming weeks.

Finally, on the nature-based carbon sequestration workstream of the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan (Action 6), Matt advised members that a project manager had been recruited to lead this work and other nature finance projects. In response to a question from members about governance and monitoring, Matt advised this would come into the metrics and mechanisms. It was important to ensure long term maintenance was in place to radically enhance nature in line with the vision of the OLNP.

The Chair asked Matt what the take-away message was for local authorities. Matt encouraged members to aim for a higher BNG percentage in their local plans and also encouraged councils to think about how they could support farmers and landowners in bringing forward projects (both BNG and carbon sequestration) and the associated costs.

105 Countywide Emissions Reporting

Inga Doherty spoke to this agenda item which was an update on the latest greenhouse gas emissions data for Oxfordshire. Figures presented within the report were taken from the figures which were released by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero in June 2023.

Inga noted that the targets within the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan (NZRMAP) included targets and policies that were in place when the route map was developed. Despite Government indication to amend (push back) some of these implementation dates, members were asked at the end of the report to endorse the retention of target set out in the sectoral pathways in the Oxfordshire NZRMAP. Members noted there was no appetite to slow down on these targets.

With reference to figure 3, members noted a substantial reduction in the CO2 emissions in the commercial sector. Inga offered to look into this further and feedback to members at a later date. Members noted that going forward it would be useful to understand which levers were impacting local emissions.

106 Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan (NZRMAP)

107 Update on operationalising the prioritised actions in the NZRMAP

This update paper had been requested by the Future Oxfordshire Partnership when they approved the NZRMAP in March 2023 and would be part of the agenda for the FOP meeting on 28 November 2023.

a NZRMAP Progress Overview

Inga Doherty spoke to this agenda item and highlighted to members key programme updates since the last EAG meeting in September.

Action 1: Expand and scale-up retrofit delivery

Work was underway to deliver grant-funded retrofit programmes, the Home Upgrade Grant and Local Authority Delivered programmes, both of which had so far distributed over £1 million of funding.

Inga noted that officers had hoped to update further on FutureFit One Stop Shop (FOSS), being led by Oxford City Council, however the announcement on funding had been delayed until the end of November.

Members asked whether Oxfordshire was unusually successful in securing funding and could this be attributed to countywide collaboration. Officers did agree that Oxfordshire had been successful in securing funding for a number of years and considered the partnership approach helpful in doing so.

Action 4: Develop an on-going local area energy planning (LAEP) function

The governance was now in place and the first meeting of the Executive Steering Board and Energy Planning Working Group had taken place. Inga highlighted that in both of those groups there were representatives from each Oxfordshire local authority, OxLEP, the electricity and gas distribution operators, Low Carbon Hub and the Great Southeast Net Zero Hub.

Building on project LEO (Local Energy Oxfordshire), funding had been awarded for delivery of a further six-month feasibility study commencing in October 2023 for project LEON (Local Energy Oxfordshire – Neighbourhoods).

Action 5: Accelerate the roll out of publicly accessible EV charge points

The detailed proposal for the funding allocated by the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) bid would be submitted to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) by the end of November 2023.

Action 7: Explore Innovative Green Finance

Invites had just been sent for a Green Finance conference (100 TOGETHER: Financing Oxfordshire's Green Future) to be held on 11 January 2024.

Members noted that there was still no convening lead for this workstream. Officers agreed to take this as an action for the next EAG officer group meeting.

Action: Officers supporting the EAG to discuss appointment of convening lead for Green Finance workstream.

108 NZRMAP Spotlight Focus: Upscale Domestic Retrofit Skills

Richard Byard, Director of Business Development at OxLEP, provided a spotlight paper on action 2 of the Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan; Scale up programmes to address the retrofit skills gap.

Members asked how local authorities could encourage businesses to invest and upgrade their retrofit skills training. Richard agreed there were challenges in engaging with industry, predominantly where the construction industry was small and midsize enterprises (SMEs) and sole trader led. Richard suggested there were several routes by which to influence change, including asking questions about future-proofing their procurement channels. Richard noted that this was also being picked up through the Community Employment Plan (CEP) where OxLEP were seeking to maximise the positive impact of major developments on local communities through providing the framework and infrastructure for skills outcomes.

Members discussed the inclusion (and exclusion by an inspector) of the CEP in local plans and whether the retrofit skills gap could be filled with occupations identified by HM Government as given special status for immigration. Richard agreed to take this away for further investigation.

Richard encouraged members to build on the positive momentum in this sector to carry the work forwards.

109 Horizon Scanning

There were no comments on this agenda item at the meeting.

110 Chairs update from the FOP

The Chair noted that the majority of the last FOP meeting on 26 September 2023 was the FOP workshop which had already been discussed.

111 Future Oxfordshire Partnership Advisory Group Meeting Notes

Members noted this agenda item.

112 Dates of future meetings

Members noted the dates of the next meeting as:

- 18 January 2024
- 07 March 2024
- 04 July 2024

The meeting closed at 16:30

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.

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

Item	Description	Contact
Healthy Place Shaping Update and the new Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy for Oxfordshire	To consider a paper setting out an update on the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Rosie Rowe, Head of Healthy Place Shaping and David Munday, Deputy Director of Public Health, 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
Updates on matters relevant to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership	Future Oxfordshire Partnership members and officers may verbally update the Board on progress on matters previously before the Partnership for consideration, listed in the forward plan, or relevant to the Partnership’s future decisions. This is for the sharing of information and no decisions will be taken.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.
Updates from key strategic partnerships	To receive updates from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of

supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision		the partner organisation.
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20 March 2024 – Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX

Item	Description	Contact
Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal: Update at the end of Quarter 3 2023/24	The purpose of this report is to update the Future Oxfordshire Partnership on progress, spend and housing delivery for schemes included as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. The report provides updates on the Housing from Infrastructure (Hfi) programme and Growth Deal Capacity Fund.	John McLauchlan, Head of Infrastructure Delivery/Lorna Baxter, Section 151 Officer Oxfordshire County Council
Draft Future Oxfordshire Partnership Work Programme 2023/2024	To receive a further update on the development of the 2023/2024 work programme.	Andrew Down, FOP Director/David Yates FOP Projects and Delivery Officer/Paul Staines Interim Head of Programme
Oxfordshire Director of Public Health Annual Report	To receive the Annual Report of the Oxfordshire Director of Public Health.	Adam Briggs, Oxfordshire Deputy Director of Public Health.
OxLEP Integration	To note the approach being taken by Oxfordshire County Council for the integration of LEP functions.	Chloe Taylor, Interim Head of Strategy, 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

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Updates from key strategic partnerships supporting delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To receive updates from other partnerships supporting the delivery of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.	Appointed member or representative of the partner organisation.

June 2024 – date and venue to be confirmed

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
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Items to be scheduled		
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