

## Growth Board response to recommendations of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Recommendations made on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Growth Board is requested to provide a draft response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel, to be published as a supplement collectively with the Scrutiny Panel's report, for decision at its meeting on 24 November 2020.

Recommendation	Agree ?	Comment
Recommendation 1. That the Growth Board clarify what plans have been made with the Environment Agency to assess the flood risk in rural areas such as Chalgrove, as a part of the Local Natural Capital Plan.	Yes	The Growth Board will ask officers to see what further information can be gathered with colleagues at the Environment Agency.
Recommendation 2. That the Growth Board ensure the Economic Recovery Plan does not seek to build back in the same way and instead looks to build back in a way that is inclusive of all areas such as climate change, manufacturing and international tourism.	Yes	The Economic Recovery Plan (ERP) is being led by OxLEP in partnership with a range of Oxfordshire Partners including local authorities. We recognise that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates a fresh look at how our local economy operates and where support is most needed. The Board supports the view that the ERP should take account of the challenges presented by climate change, and that the work should consider how the recovery of key industries can be supported. We anticipate a further update on the Economic Recovery Plan at a Growth Board meeting early in 2021.
Recommendation 3. That the Growth Board in the letter to the Secretary of State recommend that there be a national standard for Zero-Carbon housing which reflects the Net Zero-Carbon Buildings Framework Definition as outlined by the UK Green Building Council.	In part	The Growth Board recognises that there are numerous definitions of Zero Carbon homes of which the UKGBC definition is one, and that a nationally recognised definition could be helpful in bringing clarity to the issue. The Board also recognises that the development of such a definition would require detailed consideration and consultation so that the robustness and implications can be properly considered by all local authorities and other stakeholders before being applied. This can be reflected in our letter to the Secretary of State.

## Appendix 1

<p>Recommendation 4. That the Growth Board endorse and support Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy summary report findings but also</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. clarifies what are the Early Years Education initiatives (pg.5, para 3 of summary report) in order to boost education in Oxfordshire?</li><li>ii. recommend it looks into matters of eliminating child poverty in Oxfordshire.</li><li>iii. recommend it looks into building local industries in certain economies around Oxfordshire that have been overlooked and underutilised such as Motorsport.</li></ol>	Yes	<p>The specific reference to early years education initiatives relates to initiatives such as 'Growing Young Minds; a new Oxfordshire Community Fund initiative aimed at investing in early years education in family homes to avoid the attainment gap that creates disadvantage for many young learners. Since the report was written, this specific initiative has gone on to secure funding More details are available at: <a href="https://oxfordshire.org/project/growing-minds/">https://oxfordshire.org/project/growing-minds/</a></p> <p>The Inclusive Economy Commission for Oxfordshire has not yet been established. The report to the Growth Board on 24 November recommends support for its establishment. Once a funding route has been identified, and it has been set up, the Board will pass on recommendations 'ii' and 'iii' for the Commission's consideration.</p>
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