

To: Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel

Title of Report: Updates to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference

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Report of: Kevin Jacob, Future Oxfordshire Partnership Democratic Service Officer

Status: Open

Executive Summary and Purpose:

Attached are proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Panel relating to the refocusing of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership towards the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.

How this report contributes to the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision Outcomes:

Updating the Panel's Terms of Reference is consistent with responding to the changes to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Terms of Reference which it scrutinises and consistent with the delivery of the vision.

Recommendations: That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership adopt the revised Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – proposed revised Terms of Reference

Appendix 2 – current Terms of Reference adopted in September 2018

Introduction

1. Attached are proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Panel relating to the refocusing of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership towards the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.
2. Summary of key changes:
 - a. Updating of terminology to reflect the conclusion of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and advent of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.
 - b. Updating of technical phrasing relating to the Panel's powers in order to reflect the non-statutory nature of the Panel more accurately.
 - c. Overt reference that Panel meetings may be held on-line

- d. Harmonisation of the Panel's public speaking arrangements with those of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership.

Financial Implications

3. None arising from this report. The Panel in considering its activity needs to be mindful of the resources open to it.

Legal Implications

4. None arising from this report.

Other Implications

5. None arising from this report.

Conclusion

6. The proposed changes are considered necessary in light of the evolution of the role and responsibilities of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership. The Panel is requested to adopt the revised Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1.

Background Papers

7. None.

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