

Agenda



The Future Oxfordshire Partnership

Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 2.00 pm

**The Long Room, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's,
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OxLEP business representative – Science Vale
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Notes:

1. [To watch this meeting, follow this link to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership YouTube Channel](#)
2. [Arrangements are subject to change at short notice so please refer to the agenda page](#)
3. *If you plan to attend the meeting we would be grateful if could contact Kevin Jacob*
4. *One member, one vote for each constituent local authority member only.*

AGENDA

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

2 **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 18)

To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership meeting held on 13 June 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 19 July 2023**, 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

Note: This meeting may be recorded for live broadcast. At the start of the meeting the Chair 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 **Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel update** (To Follow)

For action: To receive any recommendations from the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 18 July 2023.

5 **Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership Update - Annual Report and Nature Finance Strategy** (Pages 19 - 40)

For action: To consider a paper presenting the annual report of the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership and the draft Oxfordshire Nature Finance Strategy.

6 **Update on Homes England Strategic Plan 2023 to 2028** (Pages 41 - 55)

For information: To receive a presentation on the Homes England Strategic Plan 2023-2028

7 **Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal: Update at the end of Quarter 4 2022/23** (Pages 56 - 62)

For action: To consider a report setting out progress, spend and housing delivery for schemes

included as part of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. The report provides updates on the following funding streams as at the end of Quarter 4 2022/23:

- Housing from Infrastructure (Hfi) programme
- Growth Deal Capacity Fund

8 Developing a Place Narrative for Oxfordshire (Pages 63 - 68)

For action: To consider a report setting out a more developed view of the place narrative project and its purpose.

9 Refreshing the Strategic Economic Plan - June 2023 update (Pages 69 - 96)

For information: To consider a presentation setting out an update on the refreshment of the Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan.

It is expected that a final version will be presented to the Partnership in November 2023.

10 Oxfordshire Skills Policy Landscape (Pages 97 - 110)

For information: To consider a report providing a high-level overview of the skills landscape with a primary focus on post 16 technical and vocational learning which is mainly delivered through further education colleges and other providers drawing DfE funding.

11 Advisory Group updates

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

11a Infrastructure Advisory Group update (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive an update from the Infrastructure Advisory Group held on 3 July 2023.

11b Housing Advisory Group update (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive an update from the Housing Advisory Group site visit to the Graven Hill self-build site in Bicester on 11 July 2023.

11c Environment Advisory Group update (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive an update from the Environment Advisory Group meeting held on 7 July 2023.

11d Planning Advisory Group (Verbal Report)

For information: To receive an update from the first meeting of the Planning Advisory Group held on 21 July 2023.

12 **Future Oxfordshire Partnership Forward Plan** (Pages 111 - 115)

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

13 **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.

14 **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.

15 **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.

- Tuesday 26 September 2023
- Tuesday 28 November 2023
- Tuesday 30 January 2024
- Wednesday 20 March 2024

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 themselves, 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.

