

Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Work Plan

The Growth Board Scrutiny Panel agrees its own Work Plan, which is reviewed at each meeting. The Panel is encouraged to be strict in prioritising key issues for review, in addition to the entirety of the Growth Board’s forthcoming agendas, which will feature as a standard item on the Work Plan. The Panel’s ongoing review of their work plan should be considered in conjunction with the Growth Board’s Forward Plan.

Meeting date	Item	Description and rationale	Lead Officer
19th January 2021 (Virtual live streamed meeting)	EEH Transport Strategy	To receive a presentation/update from England’s Economic Heartland regarding the outcomes of their recent Transport Strategy consultation, and next steps for finalising the Strategy.	EEH representative - TBC
	The Oxford to Cambridge Arc	To receive any updates in respect of regional developments within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.	Andrew Down, Growth Board Executive Officer Group Chair
	Community Housing	To consider a draft letter to HM Government concerning the Community Housing Fund, due for Growth Board endorsement on 26 January 2021.	Paul Staines, Interim Head of Programme
	Healthy Place Shaping	To receive an update on progress in embedding healthy place shaping into the work of the Growth Board and to consider recommendations for a future meeting between the Growth Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board.	Rosie Rowe, Health Place Shaping Lead

Meeting date	Item	Description and rationale	Lead Officer
16 March 2021 (Virtual live streamed meeting)	Oxfordshire Strategic Vision	To consider feedback received through the Strategic Vision engagement exercise.	Andrew Down, Growth Board Executive Officer Group Chair
	The Oxford to Cambridge Arc	To receive any updates in respect of regional developments within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.	Andrew Down, Growth Board Executive Officer Group Chair
	Oxfordshire Rail Connectivity Study: Stage 2 Outcome	To consider progress and any outcomes from Stage 2 of the rail connectivity study.	John Disley, OCC Infrastructure Strategy Manager
	Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Update (Provisional)	To review progress concerning the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 consultation on spatial options (Regulation 18 Part 2).	Rachel Williams, Oxfordshire Plan Lead
	Joint Statement of Intent on Climate Change	To consider a joint statement of intent in respect of tackling climate change.	Tim Sadler, Oxford City Council
	Q3 Housing and Growth Deal Progress Report	To receive the 2020/21 Quarter 3 progress report for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and endorse any amendments to the programmes of work as necessary.	Paul Staines, Interim Head of Programme
	Q3 Housing and Growth Deal Financial Report	To receive a financial summary for Quarter 3 Year 3 (2020/21) for the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.	Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance, Oxfordshire County Council

Action Log

This action log sets out requests for information and actions required by the Scrutiny Panel. Any requests for information that do not relate to a specific agenda item will be published on the Growth Board’s website alongside the next available Scrutiny Panel Agenda, except where that information requires the disclosure of exempt information, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Date raised by the Panel	Action	Lead Member / Officer	Panel Updated/ Discussed on	Progress Notes
17 November 2020	The Panel noted that a combination of qualitative and quantitative data had been gathered from different sources to assess natural capital value as part of the Arc wide Local Natural Capital Plan work. The Panel asked whether any more detail could be provided on the precise methodologies that are used to quantify this value, such as the detail of the emerging natural capital accounting tool.	Stefan Robinson, Growth Board Manager	N/a	<p>The Environment Agency provided the following response to this request:</p> <p><i>“The Natural Capital Accounting Tool that we used to produce our Natural Capital Account is due to be released in January 2021 and when it is it will be accompanied by a technical report that outlines how each Ecosystem Service flow is quantified and then valued. This technical report is currently (December 2020) in draft and so cannot be shared at this stage but as an overview the tool uses different economic valuation techniques to quantify environmental benefits and provide an estimate of the value of a natural good or service. The valuations in the Natural Capital Accounting Tool are for the flow of ecosystem services estimated by the stocks (or in some cases the condition) of a natural capital asset within an area, for example the tool has an agreed monetary value for the recreation benefits provided by 1 hectare of woodland or grassland etc. and this is multiplied by how ever many hectares of that habitat type are present within an area to give you your Ecosystem Services Value for Recreation.</i></p> <p><i>It is important to highlight that the values represented in the Tool are only ever partial and not all Ecosystem Services</i></p>

				<p><i>can be valued. In addition, some valuations are better, and more widely accepted (based on more robust market values or peer reviewed) and the confidence in values is highlighted in the outputs of the Tool. We have attached a summary of the Natural Capital Account (to the Panel's action log) we have produced through our work which hopefully highlights the type of information the Tool provides."</i></p>
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