







Oxfordshire's Strategic Economic Journey



Plus a series of supporting **LEP strategies** around **skills** (linking to the SAP and now LSIPs); **innovation**; **internationalisation**.

...and wider strategic statements for Oxfordshire –particularly linking to transport and Local Plans





Towards Oxfordshire's SEP 2023

- The SEP process must inform and animate a new, constructive and creative county-wide conversation about Oxfordshire's economic future
- It will be important to build on what has been achieved and learned...
- ...but we must also recognise what needs to be different. This means:
- managing economic risk in the context of global 'permacrisis' or 'polycrisis'
- anticipating political change/upheaval/uncertainty at a national level
- harnessing Oxfordshire's 'Covid dividend' whilst also recognising the risks
- navigating the changing local politics of Oxfordshire, particularly through the Future
 Oxfordshire Partnership and post Oxfordshire Plan 2050
- recognising the criticality of 'good growth', Net Zero and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
- ensuring that more, and different, Oxfordshire voices are heard in shaping the new strategy particularly younger people and employers/businesses





Animating an 'economic conversation' across Oxfordshire for 2023 and beyond

Are individuals within
Oxfordshire – particularly
younger people – seeing
real evidence of, and
opportunities for,
progression? Is
Oxfordshire becoming
more inclusive?



Is there evidence of adoption and diffusion of innovation...

- across Oxfordshire's wider economy?
- in relation to other parts of the UK?

Is Oxfordshire's economy making significant progress towards Net Zero?





An Oxfordshire Independent Economic Review

IER processes are effective in complex economies in bringing an independent view and stimulating an informed conversation in relation to economic futures.

Through an Oxfordshire IER, we will

- bring together existing material and new insights
- focus on 'economy-wide' themes (structured around 'deep dive' topics)
- involve a wider range of stakeholders from a greater breadth of perspectives
- develop narrative scenarios that are drawn from an inclusive, evidence-led and 'value adding' process

Oxfordshire Independent Economic Review –potential 'deep dives':

- How do we enable progression within Oxfordshire and achieve more inclusive economic growth?
- How do we secure the future of the 'foundational economy' within Oxfordshire?
- How do we advance Net Zero and sustainability in shaping future economic growth?
- Recognising Oxfordshire's world class strengths, how do we accelerate innovation and diffusion —both within Oxfordshire and across the UK?





Our Approach

Phase 1: Scoping Scoping consultations Rapid evidence review Scoping report Phase 2: Evidence gathering, analysis, future thinking through an Independent Economic Review **Call for Evidence** 'Deep dives'- to be confirmed, but Oxfordshire's post-pandemic economic potentially: landscape: Accelerating innovation and diffusion 'Scraping' Oxfordshire's businesses Securing the foundational economy Updating Oxfordshire's baseline Advancing net zero and sustainability Synthesising economic projections Enabling progression within Oxfordshire Considering wider trends and drivers Synthesis, alternative scenarios, evidence report **Phase 3: Strategy and Action Plan** Scenarios workshops Strategy Storyboard and workshops First draft strategy and action plan Wider engagement - including with OxLEP Board and FOP Second draft strategy and action plan Presentations - including to OxLEP Board and FOP Final outputs





SEP Work Programme

Week commencin Task	m 16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	06-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	Ub-IMar	13-Mar 20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun 26-Jun
Phase 1 - Scoping																					
1 Inception meeting (SG1)	Χ																				
2 Scoping consultations (*6)		Χ	Χ																		
3 Rapid literature review		Χ	Χ																		
4 Scoping paper			Χ	Χ																	
Phase 2 - Evidence gathering, analysis and future thinking																					
5 Call for evidence				Χ	Χ																
6 Deep Dive 1 - Enabling progression and inclusion - data, literature, consultations, think piece					X	X	X	X :	X X	Χ											
7 Deep Dive 2 - Advancing net zero and sustainability - data, literature, consultations, think piece					Χ	Χ	X	X	х х	Χ											
8 Deep Dive 3 - Securing the foundational economy - data, literature, consultations, think piece					X	X	X	X	х х	Χ											
9 Deep Dive 4 - Accelerating innovation and diffusion - data, literature, consultations, think piece					Χ	X	X	X	х х	Χ											
10 Economic landscape 1 - web-scraping review					Χ	Χ	X	X	х х	Χ											
11 Economic landscape 2 - baseline data					X	X	X	X :	х х	Χ											
12 Economic landscape 3 - baseline projections					Χ	Χ	Χ														
13 Economic landscape 4 - wider STEEP drivers					Χ	X	X	X	х х	Χ											
14 Workshops (*2) Deep Dives									Х												
15 Synthesis - with alternative scenarios										Χ	X										
16 Evidence Report											Χ	Χ	Χ								
Phase 3 - Strategy and Action Plan																					
17 Workshops (*2) to discuss alternative scenarios and agree priority themes													Χ								
18 Develop strategy storyboard													Χ	Χ	Χ						
19 Develop first draft strategy with outline action plan															Χ	Χ					
20 Workshops (*2) to discuss and develop storyboard, and identify key actions																Χ					
21 Discussions with key stakeholders (principally around action plan)														X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х Х			
22 Develop second draft strategy and action plan																		х х	X		
23 Presentations to OxLEP Board (20th June) and Future Oxfordshire Partnership (13th June)																				X	X
24 Final outputs (Final Strategy and AP, PPT, digital material)																				Χ	ХХ











