

Future Oxfordshire Partnership response to recommendations of the Partnership Scrutiny Panel made on 19 November 2024

The Future Oxfordshire Partnership is requested to provide a response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel for decision at its meeting on 26 November 2024.

Recommendation	Comment
<p><u>Future Oxfordshire Partnership Reset</u></p> <p>The Scrutiny Panel recommended that in the event the Partnership supports the officer recommendation that plans for the Partnership reset be developed in more detail, the following matters be agreed and/or clarified.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That if a joint statutory committee of the Leaders is reconstituted as a successor to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership, consideration of an overview and scrutiny function be central to its design and that this be affirmed by the Partnership. The Panel noted that the report already says that a formal O&S is required in the relevant legislation. 2. The Panel recognises the complicated and evolving nature of HM Government’s proposals around devolution and potential local government reorganisation and that this makes current future planning difficult. It recommends that there be opportunity for scrutiny of any devolution proposals 	

at an Oxfordshire wide level in addition to scrutiny at individual council level.

3. That in advance of any final decision about the Partnership's successor a full financial breakdown of all costs, covering the current and proposed support arrangements including meeting arrangements may be beneficial.
4. That the Partnership agree and affirm that in seeking to maximise opportunities for investment and funding in Oxfordshire, any successor joint committee to the Partnership should act in accordance with the agreed principles of sustainable growth set out in the [Oxfordshire Strategic Vision](#).
5. That there be clarity around the governance arrangements of any successor to the Partnership in respect of voting arrangements, quorum and safeguards for individual constituent authorities who do not support a proposition adopted by the joint committee.

Enabling Community Led Housing, approval of Business Case

The Panel welcomed the proposals.

6. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership be recommended to approve the Community Led Housing business case and use of £38,000 of Housing and Growth Deal Capacity Fund budget.
7. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership be requested to ask officers to consider increasing the scope of the business case to help foster community-led trusts/organisations in new (or possibly existing as well) developer-built estates where there is local interest, to look

after e.g. green spaces instead of residents having to pay a management fee to a private company, too often for a poor service for which they have little control.

Oxfordshire Net Zero Route Map and Action Plan Update

8. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership suggest to its constituent councils that they individually consider the report as appropriate within their own governance arrangements.
9. That the Future Oxfordshire Partnership note the request of the Panel that officers consider the detailed points made in its discussion of the report as appropriate related, but not limited to:
 - a. Transport emissions and the relationship between transport emissions linked to residence and employment locations.
 - b. Consideration of Net Zero implications as part of the capital budgetary approval process for infrastructure.
 - c. Emissions from construction.
 - d. Ability to track 'Scope Three' emissions.
 - e. Advantages and disadvantages of an approach based on consumption vs geographical emissions.