

To: Council

Date: 7 December 2015

Report of: Assistant Chief Executive

Title of Report: **Oxfordshire Partnerships Update Report**

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To inform members of the Annual Review of the work of the Oxfordshire Partnerships.

Report approved by:

Executive lead member: Councillor Bob Price

Policy Framework: The Corporate Plan

Recommendation:

1. The Council is invited to ask questions of the Leader.
2. Council is recommended to note the report.

1. 'The Paper in Annex 1 was presented to the Oxfordshire Partnership meeting on 16th October 2015. The paper was written by the Head of Policy at Oxfordshire County Council and provides an Annual Review of each of the following partnerships:

The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership

2. The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is responsible for championing and developing the Oxfordshire economy. Working with businesses, academia and the public sector the Oxfordshire LEP is driving economic development across the county. The Vision for Oxfordshire is that by 2030 Oxfordshire will be a vibrant sustainable inclusive world leading economy, driven by innovation, enterprise and research excellence.

Executive Board Member: Councillor Bob Price

Lead Officer: David Edwards, Executive Director Regeneration and Housing

The Growth Board

3. To manage the delivery of cross county projects specified as projects in the Strategic Economic Plan. This includes providing leadership for partnership working and collaboration on spatial planning, economic development, housing, transport and general infrastructure across Oxfordshire. To lead on the post Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) process.

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The Oxfordshire Environment Partnership (formally Environment and Waste Partnership)

The Partnership will help coordinate shared action against broader Oxfordshire 2030 pledges which relate to energy, climate change, biodiversity and flooding, including the monitoring commitments and actions outlined by:

- Climate Local Commitments
- The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
- The Flood Risk Strategy.

Executive Board Member: Councillor John Tanner

Lead Officer: Jo Colwell, Service Manager Environmental Sustainability

The Oxford Health and Wellbeing Board

4. The primary objective of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to ensure that we work together to improve everyone's health and wellbeing, especially those who have health problems or are in difficult circumstances. To achieve this, the board provides strategic leadership for health and wellbeing across the county and will ensure that plans are in place and action is taken to realise those plans. The Oxford Health and Wellbeing Board is supported by:
 - The Children and Young People's Board
 - The Health Improvement Board (There is a report setting out the work of this Board elsewhere on the agenda).

Executive Board Member: Councillor Ed Turner

Lead Officer: Val Johnson, Policy and Partnership Manager

The Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership (OSCP)

5. The role and the responsibilities of this partnership are currently under review and in particular how this county-wide partnership relates with the City and District Community Safety Partnerships. The Partnership is currently focussing on Oxfordshire Preventing Extremism. On-going activities include:

- Domestic Abuse
- Raising awareness on Child sexual Exploitation.
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Reducing Youth Re-offending.

Executive Board Member: Councillor Delia Sinclair

Lead Officer: Tim Sadler, Executive Director Community Services

Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA)

6. OSCA brings together 23 members from voluntary sector support providers, faith groups, representatives of local councils, the NHS, military and police. OSCA Partnership meetings are held three times a year. To coordinate voluntary sector activities and share best practice.

Executive Board Member: Councillor Christine Simm

Lead Officer: Julia Tomkins, Grants and External Funding Officer

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB)

7. The OSCB remit is to co-ordinate and ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each agency on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Oxfordshire. This is done through the development of local services and by ensuring the effectiveness of services.

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Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board

8. The purpose of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board is to create a framework within which all responsible agencies work together to ensure a coherent policy for the protection of vulnerable adults at risk of abuse and a consistent and effective response to any circumstances giving ground for concern or formal complaints or expressions of anxiety. Safeguarding Adult Boards have now become statutory bodies with the implementation of the Care Act 2014.

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Lead Officer: Val Johnson, Policy and Partnerships Manager

Oxfordshire Devolution Deal

9. On 4th September, the Leaders of the six Oxfordshire Authorities submitted an expression of interest to government setting out initial proposals for devolution in Oxfordshire for discussion with government. These proposals were developed together with the Local Enterprise Partnership

and the Clinical Commissioning Group and outlined proposals for greater local control over £4bn of funding for transport, skills training and health.

Financial Implications

10. There are no additional financial implications as a result of this report. The current resources required to support these partnerships are already included within the existing budget, including contributions from other authorities.

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