

**Councillor Attendance and comments**

**APPENDIX 2**

Name of Organisation	Councillor	Notice of meetings	Special projects	Meetings invited	Meetings attended	Report of experience throughout year	Value of having council representative on body	Any other comments?
<b>Alice Smith Trust and Sarah Nowell Educational Organisation</b>	Val Smith	Yes	No	2	1	I can confirm that I have been kept up to date with the charity - I have been invited to meetings - and they all seem to be progressing well.		
<b>Association Public Service Excellence (APSE)</b>	Van Coulter	Yes	Yes	10	10	APSE now uses Oxford as a base for meetings for service specific advisory groups. This helps bring new knowledge of service delivery innovations to OCC's officers and strengthens relationships between officers and their peers within a range of local authorities. With the recent appointment of a principal advisor for the South of England - based in Oxford City Council's Horspath Road Depot, the relationship with APSE will intensify, delivering increased value for the City Council. It will improve service outcomes and it will deliver efficiencies through benchmarking, peer review groups and service advisory groups. I have succeeded in steering APSE's research to investigate issues of priority for the City Council, including needs for energy efficiency and low carbon collaborative projects to drive down costs (Balliol Group).	We gain an effective voice within an organisation set to drive efficiencies through an alternative version for local authorities, with a fundamental belief in the link between politics and service delivery. Decisions about service delivery should be grounded in the political judgements of elected members.	
<b>Barton Community Association Management Committee</b> 391	Van Coulter	Yes	Yes	11	5	Because of other Council work and committees, I cannot get to most of the meetings of BCA - but the committee indicated that members are content providing I attend at least one in three. I also ask my co-councillor to attend as a substitute when he can. When I do attend, I have a limited input, perhaps 5 minutes to outline council initiatives impacting upon the community for the rest of the three hours, I listen to concerns. When I cannot attend, I provide a written report to set out current council initiatives impacting upon the community. Attending BCA is important to provide a link to a valuable community organisation helping to strengthen its community.	It provides for a formal setting to exchange views about priorities within Barton.	I support events and meetings - in particular, low-carbon/fuel poverty initiatives.
<b>Bullington Association</b>	Pat Kennedy	Yes with well prepared agenda and minutes	No	Monthly meetings	Missed only two, one because of illness, the other clashed with a planning meeting.	The Association plays an important role in the life of the community. The centre hosts an African Church group, a German speaking toddler group, a toddler group. A club run by Mencap, a day for isolated elderly people run by Age UK, as well as martial arts and gymnastics. The centre is also hired for school holiday play schemes and the fields are used by a hockey club at weekends. The MUGA also attracts lots of youths who play football and basketball. Youth involvement and activities to assist the isolated elderly are important aspects of the council's corporate objectives. Youth involvement and activities to assist the isolated elderly are important aspects of the Council's corporate objectives. The Centre is also hired by all members of the Community for birthday parties and social events. The SWAP shop run with Orinoco creates opportunities for re-cycling and this is held monthly. The Committee are always looking for ways to expand their offer in terms of available.	I am able to find out more about the community needs in this area and I have been able to support some of the groups with my Ward Members Budget. Also helpful in the light of the issues surrounding the new arrangements for leases and standards to be achieved by community centres.	The committee is voluntary and yet the centre offers a range of activities for a variety of people in that community.

<b>Citizen's Advice Bureau</b>	Pat Kennedy	Yes - 7 days notice and full minutes and background papers	Yes	3 - I have attended 3 meetings as I was appointed in Nov to replace another councillor	I have attended all the meetings to which I was invited	The CAB plays an important role in working with Council officers on the Direct Payments Project, thus contributing to fulfilling corporate objectives. At local community level it helps people with advice on debt, employment rights, housing, consumer issues, relationships, scams, unscrupulous lenders and neighbour disputes. It offers advice by phone, website and face to face. It is the preferred advice centre of town rather than use the advice centres in Barton, Rosehill or Blackbird Leys.	Yes - the current benefit changes impact on the work of the Council and of the CAB. The two groups are working together to help people to resolve the issues that arise. I discussed the welfare changes and their impact with CAB. This will lead to increased advice work for them in terms of debt problems, I imagine. Last week two members of the board thanked me for my explanation of some of the welfare changes in my City Councillor report.	The CAB Trustees are hard-working. Their volunteers also do important work to guide people on a range of issues.
<b>City of Oxford Charity</b>	Gill Sanders	Yes	Yes - I have visited several schools, on invitation, who wanted to thank the Charity for financial support various projects	Every quarter	75%	They do a great deal of good in supporting those in need, for whatever reason, in our community who need financial help to buy the very basics for life and who may need support because of a change of circumstances or financial problems that might arise in their lives. The charity does make a difference to the lives of very many people.	I think that it's good for the Council to have links with organisations such as this and often we, as councillors, have knowledge that can help with the decision making processes when looking at applications for financial assistance.	
<b>City of Oxford Charity</b>	Jean Fooks	Yes	No	8	7	A very valuable charity providing grants to individual in need and to schools to enable less advantaged children to join school trips.	Yes - a valuable link between charity and Council	
<b>City of Oxford Charity</b>	Van Coulter	Yes	No	4	2	It is not always possible to attend the City of Oxford Charity due to conflicting timings for other meetings. However, the charity provides relief in terms of cash grants and housing for some very needy people in Oxford.	Yes - this charity is addressing needs and compliments a number of the City Council's services.	
<b>City of Oxford Charity</b>	Alan Armitage	Yes	No	4 - board 4 - education committee	3 board 4 - education committee	The charity is very well run and effectively focuses on support for people in financial need, including providing children of poorer families with opportunities to join school trips. The charity has recently added support for food banks to its strategic aims. The Council supports the charity through providing accommodation for meetings, but does not provide direct financial assistance. We are fortunate to have this charity in Oxford.	Yes - help maintain focus on council's objectives in regard to educational opportunities and relief for people in need.	
<b>Cotteslowe Community Association</b>	Jean Fooks	Yes	Yes - Lots of sub Committee meetings and meetings about Active Cotteslowe	12	11	CCA is working to provide community support and activities for the old council estate. It has tried to ascertain what the local community felt about the centre and what could be provided for them. An essential support to the local community		
<b>District Council's Network Association</b>	Van Coulter	Yes	Yes - I have contributed to special meeting with government ministers to express the needs of Oxford	7	5	DCN provides me with regular access to government ministers overseeing local government funding reform. In no uncertain terms, I spell out the needs of the City's residents - particularly those who are vulnerable. It has provided opportunities to challenge reforms and the lack of social housing provision. It has provided opportunities to jointly lobby for improvements and outcomes through cross-party challenges put to government.	Yes - there is significant discontent within even the strongest Tory Councils and by providing voice for the needs of vulnerable citizens I can manipulate that discontent and direct it against the government.	
<b>Donnington Family Centre</b>	David Williams	Yes	Yes - Numerous fundraising events	8	7	I have attended the meetings and given a wide range of inputs such as fundraising advice, guidance as to financial procedures and given an indication of present policy stances of the City Council. My knowledge of the local area has on many occasions proved useful.	Because we know the area and we know the major grant providers.	No

<p style="text-align: center;">393</p> <p><b>East Oxford Community Association</b></p>	<p>Graham Jones</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1 (NB comments above and below)</p>	<p>The Association manages and runs East Oxford Community Centre. Its trustees have the best of intentions towards the local community's needs and interests and are interested in the centre's success. They face challenges in two main areas, however, Building: although the Council has made a substantial investment in the community centre (in particular a new lift, offices and windows), the state of the building leaves much to be desired. The Trustees are conscious of this but unsure about where the various responsibilities lie. The Business Plan drawn up three years ago with the help property assets team, detailing a £100,000 maintenance backlog, needs to be studied and a programme of repairs and replacement drawn up for discussion with the Council with the aim of implementing programme. Some defects, such as radiators with broken legs, damaged paintwork, broken locks, and the current lack of hot water in the toilets, can be easily remedied. Others required much substantial work. A root-and-branch assessment of the building - whether it is fit for purpose, properly equipped, and energy efficient - can not be further delayed.</p> <p>Organisation: The trustees have benefited from some capacity training from the Council's Communities and Neighbourhoods team, and there is potential for more of this helpful support. The number of trustees is now down to ten and the C&amp;N team is on hand to advise on the optimum advertisement of the am so that new trustees can be recruited who have business and management skills as well as a sense of what the community's needs are and how these can be met. The trustees have had a default year which included the resignation of the Chair and another of the trustees in a disagreement over the appointment of a caretaker. Their job is not helped by uncertainties about where responsibilities lie - both internally and between the trustees, executive, committee, and administrator, and in relation to the Council. It will be helpful if the status and role of the two Council-appointed members of the committee to be re-emphasised, so that they can make an active contribution to the association and centre's progress. This will become more easily achievable as the legacy of antipathy towards the Council is finally left behind, and we can all work towards positive outcomes.</p>	<p>The ward councillors represent the interests of the community at large and the Council as the owners of the building. They provide an additional source of support and advice for both the trustees and the Council's officers. If re-appointed, I look forward to making a positive contribution to the association's work in 2013/14.</p>	<p>I would be grateful if the appropriate officer could remind the association that to carry out their duties, the Council-nominated committee member need to receive customary notice of meetings, agenda papers, minutes, and treasurer's reports.</p>
<p><b>East Oxford Community Centre</b></p>	<p>Bev Clack</p>	<p>Once at the beginning of September. Since then I have heard nothing</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>One</p>	<p>None. I couldn't make the meeting I was invited to and have not been invited to any more</p>	<p>I am not sure why the Centre has not been in touch again. I contacted a member of the management team who did not seem particularly interested in having a Councillor attend their meetings. Perhaps I contacted the wrong person - but there seemed to be suspicion of council motives that I didn't really understand</p>	<p>I think it is important. The community centre sits at the heart of the community and I am keen to see it engage with all parts of the community</p>	

<b>English Heritage SE - Heritage Champion</b>	Colin Cook	Yes	Yes - I attended and spoke at the bi-annual Heritage Champions Conference on the 19th Nov at Painters Hall, London. Transcripts of the presentations given on the day can be found on the English Heritage website.	2	2	The work reported last year on the Heritage Assets register continues to make good progress this year and officers have been working with local communities to help them celebrate the history and character of their local area. The register will provide recognition of non-designated heritage assets and will help to ensure that when change is proposed, the decision makers are aware of the significance of these heritage assets, and the need to conserve them. Further information on the work of English Heritage is available at: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk</a>		
<b>Environment Protection UK</b>	John Tanner	No	No	None	None	I no longer receive publications or information from Environmental protection UK. It seems there is no value in continuing to belong to this organisation.	No	No
<b>Florance Park Community Association</b>	Helen O'Hara					I have seen the progress made by the centre first hand including the effort which has gone in to make it compliant with the various requirements. I am very encouraged by the energy which I have witnessed and the fresh enthusiasm injected by the new management committee. Also by the numbers of people including children accessing the centre regularly.	I think that if councillors were not there this would not be seen and the information might not be fed in as directly.	
<b>Fusion Arts</b>  394	Bev Clack	Yes	Yes - Currently involved in helping Fusion think about ways of attracting more funding and also seeking further council support for their work	2	1	I've been impressed with the commitment of the organisation and with their willingness to work with councillors and officers to find ways forward through difficult economic times	I think it is helpful for the group to have councillors on their board who help advise on funding and how to get information about their work out there.	
<b>Fusion Arts</b>	Jim Campbell	Yes	No	6	5	An excellent organisation which (touch wood) is coping well with a series of challenges, mainly financial. They have run a number of imaginative and well attended projects both within Oxford (particularly East Oxford and Cowley) and in Oxfordshire.  They make a significant contribution to various local communities.	Yes: it's very important to have representation from the Council which is a core funder of the organisation	
<b>Gatehouse</b>	Gill Sanders	Yes	No	Approx 10	Approx 5	The Gatehouse, its management committee and its trustees provide an invaluable service to the most vulnerable in our society. Not only do they provide food, clean clothes, etc but they also provide services such as podiatry, teaching IT skills and advice and support for those who most need it. It is supported by many charitable organisations and individuals who recognise the good work that they do. If they did not exist, many of those in most need in our community would lose a service that is of great value to them.	Councillor Clack is now the Council's representative on the Board but I have stayed on as an independent trustee	No

<b>Headington Action</b>	Dee Sinclair	Yes	Yes - Helping to relaunch the Headington Business Association unfortunately without success. Consulting on whether Headington would like a Neighbourhood Plan	3	3	Very active and dynamic group working well with representatives from the large institutions and local representatives in Headington. Well led and forward thinking	Yes. Good to have a broad representation from across the community of Headington in one body so vital that the city has local councillors attending and supporting positive action.	No
<b>Headington Community Association</b>	Dee Sinclair			6	4	A well- managed and forwarding thinking committee who would welcome the opportunity to provide activities for young people in the community. Meetings are well run and attended, with a positive attitude to ensuring the centre provides for its local community	Yes. It is important that local councillors are engaged with the volunteers in the community, so that if their assistance is required there is already a working relationship established.	
<b>Headington Community Association</b>	Laurence Baxter	Yes	No	0 I hear the meetings via Cllr Sinclair	0	My experience is extremely limited as the Community Association meets during my working hours. I tend to liaise with Cllr Sinclair when necessary.	Yes I do. It's a shame I can't go to more meetings, but it is important that we're involved as it gives councillors a valuable perspective, and gives association members an opportunity to raise issues or seek advice.	
<b>Headington Parish Charity</b>	Ruth Wilkinson	Yes	No	2	2	The organisation has introduced a new system of balanced disbursement between St Andrew's , St Mary's and All Saints Parishes with input from Councillors £685 was disbursed to those in new in 2012.	Yes - the organisation benefits from the wide range of contacts that Councillors can put them in touch with. This helps trustees identify beneficiaries.	I am surprised there are 3 councillors representing OCC. 2 would be sufficient in my view (or 1 plus an alternate)
<b>Jericho St Barnabas Community Association Management Committee</b>	Colin Cook	Yes	Yes - I was involved in the Jericho Street fair last year, which is organised by the Community Assoc, at which I assisted with the provision of a gazebo and crushed ice and the sale of raffle tickets. I will be helping with this year's street fair on 8th June.	14	11	Further information on the excellent work of the Community Association is available on their fantastic website at: <a href="http://www.jerichocentre.org.uk?">http://www.jerichocentre.org.uk?</a>		
<b>Katherine Rawson Trust</b>	Mike Gotch	Yes - Trips to various grant aided - or potentially so-buildings - the	No	0	0	Worth trying to attend, but funding is running low, and attendance may become pointless - as historic buildings trust!	Not really - there are two councillors representing the city.	Keep attending , but with one councillor - me or Goddard.

<b>Littlemore Community Association</b>	John Tanner	Sometimes	Yes - Helping to organise a Fun Day and distributing fliers for a Health Bus	8	6	The Community Association runs the Littlemore Community centre and plays a key role in developing the local community. It has play an important part in the Littlemore Partnership	Yes. The City Council delivers many of its objectives through the association.	I was chair of the association until recently.
<b>LGA Urban Commission</b>	Roy Darke	Yes	No	4	1	The UC is useful but often other council commitments militate against attendance in London for the regular all-day events. LGA is obviously an important lobby group for local government interests so I say of high important and value to the Council, its corporate objectives and for services to the local community.	Yes - Because urban development topic updates are highly relevant to City Development	
<b>Local Government Information Unit</b>	Roy Darke	Yes	No	1	0	N/A	Yes LGIU is a useful LG lobby group. Daily information sent etc is really helpful as well as policy papers on email.	
<b>Modern Art Oxford</b>	Bev Clack	Yes	No	3	2	Modern Art Oxford is an important cultural resource for the city. As an observer, it's been interesting to watch how they put together their programme and respond to challenges. This has been particularly the case this year following the sudden death of their Director, and much of the year has been spent dealing with the ramification of that event. They seem to be coming through it with a much better sense of direction. Given the Council's recent cultural statement, it's important that we are involved with them.	Yes - I think it helps us understand the role the arts can play in the life of the city.	
<b>Mortimer Hall Management Committee</b>	Mary Clarkson	No	No	0	0	N/A	Yes; it's a major community building in the ward	In this post, I have been invited to attend meetings, but have been unable to attend, since it has always clashed with other meetings. This
<b>National Association of British Market Authorities</b>	Mary Clarkson	No	No	0	0	N/A	It could be, if I receive any information, since Oxford has both a covered market and an outside market	
<b>North Oxford Association</b>	Jim Campbell	Usually	No	4	2	I have played a less active part with NOA than in previous years, largely due to being away at the time of two of their Management meetings. It is a well run organisation providing a range of imaginative and well attended services throughout North Oxford. As with many Community Associations its principal challenge is finding younger volunteers	Yes; there are always several Council related issues where we can provide help, information or simply a link between the Association and the Council.	
<b>Northway Community Association</b>	Roy Darke	No	No	0	0	Officers in C & N elsewhere are aware of the problems in NCA. As the trustees raised a vote of no confidence against my efforts to improve the governance of the Association and management of Northway Community centre they have reason for not wanting the active administration looking closely at what they do. As presently constituted and managed MCA has management impact at Northway. NCA activities largely focus around the Social Club Ltd (bar) and are potentially beyond their constitution. C&N and I know that this has to change	Yes - Because they need to be driven to change their aims and management and prepare to take over lease of New Community Centre.	It is important that local councillors mentor NCA but that is not being done at the moment. I would be interested to hear how Councillor Khan responds to this annual review
<b>Old Headington Charities</b>	Mary Clarkson	Yes	No	2	2	The group is valuable in using the knowledge of local Anglican Clergy and parishioners to identify local people in need and dividing what amounts of money are distributed to them.	Yes - local knowledge of constituents in the ward.	
<b>Old Marston Charities Trust</b>	Mary Clarkson	Yes	No	1	1	I have attended one meeting to approve the distribution of money to local people in need.	Yes - local knowledge of constituents	

<b>Oxford Asian Cultural Association</b>	Roy Darke	Yes	No	2	1	I think that ACC is on a positive path to better Community presence. There were concerns (some from within the S, Asian Community) that it was not affective. However, my attendance at a recent committee meeting and at Hali celebrations were entirely positive and indicate that good progress is being made to set up a series of community activities, expand and develop existing services and move forward.	Yes. It's a nexus for building improvement/citizenship in South Asian community	
<b>Oxford Asian Cultural Association</b>	Bev Clack	Yes	No	4	2	An important centre for Asian communities in the City	I think it has been important to have council reps on this body, particularly in light of the moves to regulate leases throughout the city. This has caused some consternation and I think it has been helpful to have council reps who can make this a less threatening experience than it might otherwise be.	I'm not sure, however, that it really needs three councillors on its board. This seems rather like overkill to me and could be rationalised.
<b>Oxford Asian Cultural Association</b>	Graham Jones	<b>Yes</b>	Yes - Involvement in two cultural events (Eid/Diwali and Holi/Bazant) and one outside activity, Oxclean 2013	4	4	The association's management committee has been revitalised with the appointment of new members alongside hard-working existing members with substantial experience. I am particularly impressed by the variety of cultural backgrounds represented on the committee and by its gender balance. The committee is businesslike, well chaired and there are no 'passengers' - everyone contributed to the discussion. Likewise there is a lively commitment to the preparation and delivery of special events in addition to the many ongoing activities for which space at the association's centre is hired. (A new hiring policy has adopted, and new charges agreed.) There is clear and valuable contribution to the Council's objectives, particularly inclusion and cohesion.	The ward councillors provide an external source of support and advice, and are able to benefit from discussions and interaction with many of the city's communities.	
<b>Oxford Homeless Pathways (and Night Shelter)</b>	Val Smith	Yes	No		2	I can confirm that I have been kept up to date with the organisation - I have been invited to meetings - and it seems to be progressing well.		
<b>Oxford Leon Association (Leon Link)</b>	John Tanner	Yes	Yes - I organised a delegation visit to Leon in Nicaragua in March 2013	10	8	The association develops friendship with Leon and supports development projects in that city. It is key to promoting Oxford City Council's international links.	Yes. It gives the voluntary group official standing.	I am vice-chair of the association.
<b>Oxford Preservation Trust</b>	Colin Cook	Yes	Yes - A visit to Trust Land and property on Boar's Hill. Hosting an Open Doors visit to the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology and assisting with the Open Doors event at Hertford College	8	6	I have attended the Preservation Trust's Environmental Awards evening where I had the honour of presenting an award to the Old Fire Station in recognition of the sympathetic redevelopment of that building undertaken by Crisis Skylight. Further information on the work of the Trust is available at: <a href="http://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk/index.php">http://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk/index.php</a>		

<b>Oxford Preservation Trust</b>	Roy Darke	Yes	No	10	6	OPT is well organised and reasonably well managed. It's an important body in Oxford W.V.T. Conservation and improvement of heritage/heritage assets. It has a specific traditional attitude to change and development in the City. There is obvious tension between Council's aim to support the local economy and urban development/infrastructure required for that major corporate aim and the 'preservation' of the city. (The very term is reactionary) but OPT fund a good forum for that ongoing debate.	Yes so that the high level (and specific) distinction between preservation of environment and need for development can be made.	
<b>Oxford Sports Council</b>	Van Coulter	Yes	No	3	1	The Sports Council's meetings conflict with timings of meetings of council committees and boards. There is a clear overlap in the priorities for inclusive sport advocated by the City Council and Oxford Sports Council. The Sports Council has about £90,000 in reserves and provides grants for local sporting organisations.	Yes I feel there is a need for renewal for this organisation	I'm just frustrated I have other pressing commitments that stop me attending regularly.
<b>Oxfordshire Ethnic Minorities Enterprise</b>	Ben Lloyd Shogbesan	Yes			2			
<b>OXON Historic Buildings Trust</b>	Mike Gotch	Yes	Yes	6	4	Worth trying to attend, but funding is running low, and attendance may become pointless	Yes - To keep tabs on how historic building repairs are being funded and effectively maintained.	
<b>Oxford Safer Communities Partnership</b>	Dee Sinclair	Yes		3	2	This is an opportunity to discuss Oxfordshire-wide policing and community safety issues. Statistical data from across Oxfordshire influences debate around emerging themes such as ASB, domestic abuse and serious acquisitive crime. The review of CCTV across the TVP area has been a recent item for discussion.	Yes. Important that there is a city councillor representative on this body to ensure the needs of the city in terms of crime and community safety, particularly the night time economy are recognised.	
<b>Oxfordshire Waste Partnership</b> 398	John Tanner	Yes	Yes - The partnership enables me to fulfil my Cleaner, Greener portfolio on Oxford City Council .	8	8	The partnership enables me to fulfil my Cleaner, Greener portfolio on Oxford City Council	The partnership, now expanded to include environmental issues, is invaluable. It brings together the 5 districts and the County Council of Oxfordshire. Together we tackle issues such as recycling and climate change.	
<b>Oxon Buildings Trust</b>	Mike Gotch	Yes	Yes - Site visits to view possible projects for grant aiding	6	4	Worthwhile scheme to retain in good condition, Oxon Buildings of Historic Interest, creating work and helping tourism.	Yes, general architectural interest and an appreciation of the need for funding to keep heritage buildings in good order.	More funding needed
<b>Parochial charities of St Clements</b>	Graham Jones	Yes	No	4	4	I continue to be impressed by the focus and smooth working of this small but effective local charitable operation which concentrates on meeting the winter heating needs of elderly people plus some support of a lunch club. The planning and execution is clear, open and fair. The level of payments has been sustained in the face of the difficult national financial situation in which the interest on the charities' deposit has been depressed. The Council's corporate objectives are certainly met by contributing to the meeting of social need and sustaining the wellbeing of those who benefit. The aim of social cohesion is also met: traders and others join in advertising for applications, beneficiaries have a home visit from someone who can find out what other needs the beneficiary may have, and the church community is engaged with the community at large.	The ward councillors provide an external source of support and advice, and receive an additional insight into local conditions and need.	
<b>Parochial charities of St Clements</b>	Bev Clack	yes	No	2	2	I very well-organised charity that distributes funds to the local elderly to help with heating bills.	Not sure that we add anything. This is a well-organised charity, managed well by the local church.	



<b>Risinghurst Community Association</b>	Dee Sinclair	Occasionally meetings have been cancelled and rearranged without		12	7	Management committee have continued to work with the city council to improve the centre. They would like to see more provision for young people but don't appear to have sufficient capacity to develop this yet.	Yes. It provides an opportunity for issues to be raised and problems resolved. Councillors working together with officers can ensure positive working relationships with the council.	
<b>Risinghurst Community Association</b>	Laurence Baxter	Sometimes – this has not been systematic though.	No	3	2	I am not a regular attendee of these meetings – partly because I have not always been invited and partly due to meeting clashes. The group has provided some positive contribution to the local community in terms of organising and facilitating events. The contribution to the council's objectives is less clear as the group to some extent see themselves as removed from the council. Moreover, their communication needs improving to at least address keeping stakeholders including city councillors up to date with developments.	Yes. With this group, it essential that councillors and officers are monitoring the group's development and their in a supportive capacity.	
<b>Rose Hill &amp; Donnington Advice Centre</b>	Ruth Wilkinson	Yes	Yes - took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds	5	3	The Centre is a small independent advice centre, representing local people in cases concerning debts, arrears, evictions etc should the need arise, offering free advice to all who ask in confidence, and representing clients at Reviews and Appeals of Benefits. It is experiencing an uplift of casework. It has set up an extra interview room and is preparing to help with new changes to benefits	Yes. It is important for members to understand and monitor trends in requests for advice from those entitled to/ in receipt of benefits.	This is a very well used and important community resource
<b>Ruskin College</b>  669	Van Coulter	Yes	Yes - I am an elected member of the executive council and am an appointed director for Ruskin College - this requires my participation in special projects	4	3	Ruskins seeks to provide a second chance opportunity for further and higher education - particularly for those with no or few formal qualifications. Through provision of inclusive opportunities for education, Ruskins enhances skills and prospects for its students, many of who are Oxford residents. Ruskin requires students to make a difference within the community in which they live, consequently, Ruskin assists by providing skilled workers to aid the local economy and by training activists within the local community	Yes - Ruskin is a specialist college and provides access to academic excellence for an inclusive range of students.	
<b>South Oxford Adventure Playground Executive Cttees</b>	Oscar Van Nooijen	No	NO	0	0	South Oxford Adventure Playground makes a contribution of immense and vital importance too the local community in South Oxford as well as to the wider community. Its work and outcomes are very strongly aligned to the Council's corporate objectives around stronger communities and healthy living.		
<b>South Oxford Adventure Playground Executive Cttees</b>	Bob Price	Yes	No	10	8	SOAP is an outstanding facility that has been well managed and developed over the years. It provides play facilities for much of the City and is of particular value to young people from the South and East of the City after school in the summer and during the school holidays.	Yes - links the work of SOAP closer to our leisure policies.	
<b>South Oxford Community Association</b>	Bob Price	Yes	No	8	1	Cllr Van Nooijen attends the SOCA meeting as I work and with the Chair and email on land issues. The CA organises 4 Committee Forum which are highly circulated and well-attended community events.	SOCA is a key community venue	
<b>Spatial Planning and Infrastructure</b>	Bob Price	Yes	Yes	6	6	There are tensions between the parties on prioritisation and the degree to which resources can and should be pooled. But it is a very useful body for co-ordinating view around the County and working as far a possible on a partnership basis	Yes - its one of the key partnerships for the County and District Council. Transport and environmental issues on county wide basis.	

<b>St Aldate's Charity</b>	Pat Kennedy	7days notice with full minutes and background papers		2	1 as I was ill and missed the first meeting	<p>The Charity disburses about £100,000 of funds, from its so called 'poor fund ' each year to a variety of charity bodies who broadly operate in the City Centre and to the South of the City. It gives funds to CAB, homeless charities; Church groups who provide aid for the homeless and isolated people .Recently it awarded £10,000 to St Luke's refurbishment funds. This church in Cold Harbour provides a job club, activities for toddlers and young people in a deprived part of the City.</p> <p>The charity agreed that I should join the group that disburses funds as I have lived in Abingdon Road for more than 30 years so I am familiar with the area and many of its social problems. I would therefore give a useful local perspective to this part of the Charity's role.</p> <p>The Charity also owns a residence for overseas students and this is being re-furbished with some of the funds from the charity. It is also able to assist 'the poor of the parish'. That is to give specific funds to particular individuals.</p>	<p>I think that it places the work of the Charity into a broader political perspective and councillors are able to explain how particular policies will impact on the work of charitable groups who might be recipients of funds.</p> <p>Yes - it is often useful to be able to refer cases which cannot be supported by other charities, or to take up cases which the Susan Kidd Charity cannot deal with.</p>	The charity appears to be well run and organised, with a strong social conscience underpinning it.
<b>Susan Kidd Charity</b>	Alan Armitage	Yes	No	1	1	This is a small parish charity which gifts small amounts of money to students in St Giles parish who are in particular financial need. It is entirely self-funding and does not depend on council support in any way. It does contribute to council objectives in respect of helping students who are in some financial need. But these students are generally not from Oxford, in fact many are from other countries.	It is often useful to be able to refer cases which cannot be supported by other charities, or to take up cases which the Susan Kidd Charity cannot deal with.	
<b>The Porch Steppin Stones Centre</b>	Val Smith	Yes	No		0	I have been kept up to date with the organisations - I have been invited to meetings - and it seem to be progressing well.		
<b>Tourism South East</b> 400	Colin Cook	No	No	0	0	Representation on the Berks, Bucks, and Oxfordshire Committee of Tourism South East is now made by members of Visit Oxfordshire. Further information on the work of Tourism South East is available at: <a href="http://www.tourismsoutheast.com/">http://www.tourismsoutheast.com/</a>		
<b>West Oxford Community Association</b>	Colin Cook	Yes	Yes - I attended the West Oxford Fun Day last year and volunteered as one of the first-aiders at the event. This year's Fun Day takes place on Saturday the 13th July in association with Science Oxford.	12	10	<p>I attended the West Oxford Fun Day last year and volunteered as one of the first-aiders at the event.</p> <p>This year's Fun Day takes place on Saturday the 13th July in association with Science Oxford. Further information on this event is available at: <a href="http://www.woca.org.uk/images/documents/general/oxford%20festival%20of%20nature.pdf">http://www.woca.org.uk/images/documents/general/oxford%20festival%20of%20nature.pdf</a></p>	<p>Further information on the work of the West Oxford Community Association is available at: <a href="http://www.woca.org.uk/">http://www.woca.org.uk/</a> Further information on the West Oxford Fund Dayt is available at: <a href="http://www.woca.org/images/documents/general/oxford%20festival%20of%20nature.pdf">http://www.woca.org/images/documents/general/oxford%20festival%20of%20nature.pdf</a></p>	