

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Advisory Sub-Group

Thursday 20 December 2018, 10:00

Committee Room Two, West Oxfordshire District Council Offices

Present:

Councillor James Mills (JM), Oxfordshire Growth Board/West Oxfordshire District Council
 Councillor Jeff Haine (JH), West Oxfordshire District Council
 Councillor Will Hall (WH), South Oxfordshire District Council
 Councillor Anthony Hayward (AH), Vale of White Horse District Council
 Councillor Alex Hollingsworth (AH), Oxford City Council
 Councillor Jeannette Matelot (JMa), Oxfordshire County Council
 Councillor Mike Fox-Davies (MF-D), Oxfordshire County Council

In attendance:

Rachel Williams (RW), Oxford City Council

Apologies:

Giles Hughes (GH), West Oxfordshire District Council
 Councillor Colin Clarke (CC), Cherwell District Council

1. Notes of meeting held 15 November 2018

The sub-group **AGREED** the notes of the previous meeting.

It was also **AGREED** to change the name of the sub-group to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Advisory Sub-Group going forward to reflect the re-branding of the plan name.

2. Apologies for absence

See above.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Oxfordshire Plan Draft Consultation Document (Regulation 18)

The sub-group thanked the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 team and facilitators of the launch event for a successful and well-attended event.

RW updated the sub-group on recent discussions with government around aligning the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 with work on the Expressway and advised that a meeting had been held with MHCLG and the Planning Inspectorate which was very helpful and constructive. Discussions were ongoing.

An extensive discussion on the consultation draft document followed and it was agreed that RW and team would amend the document accordingly.

The next steps for the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 were then discussed (summarised as follows):

RW advised that the website was anticipated to be launched by 21st December 2018.

The sub-group agreed they would welcome having sight of the feedback from the launch event.

A report was now to be taken to each of the district councils and the city council¹ in the last week of January recommending the following:

1. The adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement (“SCI”) as amended following the close of consultation
2. The approval of the amendment to the Local Development Scheme (“LDS”)
3. The approval of the Regulation 18 (Part 1) Issues consultation document for public consultation

Informal member briefings were to be held early in January, i.e. prior to the above-mentioned meetings.

The sub-group sought further clarification as to how the current timetable of consultation met the legislative requirements. RW explained that the Regulation 18 consultation was to be carried out in two stages to ensure the aspirational elements of the plan could be debated in detail at an early stage. This additional consultation did not affect the submission date. It was agreed among members of the sub-group that this was a good judgement.

Due to the uncertainty around the county’s Local Transport Plan and whether this would be a new LTP5 or a review of LTP4, RW proposed that John Disley of the County Council be asked to come and speak to the subgroup about the project plan for carrying out this work.

5. Future Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the sub-group was scheduled for Thursday 24 January 2019 (10a.m.).

The meeting finished at 12:05p.m.

¹ The arrangements for taking the plan through the county council’s constitutional process are to be slightly different given its non-decision making role.