



**To:** Oxfordshire Growth Board  
**Date:** 29 January 2019  
**Report of:** Growth Board Scrutiny Panel  
**Title of Report:** Recommendations from the Scrutiny Panel meeting of 24 January 2019

<b>Summary and recommendations</b>	
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To present Scrutiny Panel recommendations concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing consultation process for Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP)</li> <li>• Improving the Regulation 18 consultation document on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050</li> <li>• Communication between the Growth Board and council's members</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Lead Members:</b>	Councillor Andrew Gant, Chair of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel. Councillor Sean Woodcock, Vice-Chair of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel
<b>Recommendation: That the Oxfordshire Growth Board states whether it agrees or disagrees with the recommendations in the body of this report.</b>	

<b>Appendices</b>
Appendix 1 – Draft Growth Board response to the recommendation

**Introduction and overview**

1. At its meeting the Scrutiny Panel Chair introduced new staff to the panel.
2. Following the resignation of the previous Vice-Chair from the Scrutiny Panel, a new Vice-Chair was elected. Cherwell District Councillor Sean Woodcock, was nominated by Councillor Andrew Gant and seconded by Councillor Emily Smith He was duly elected by the Panel.
3. The Chair presented considered the recommendations previously made to the Growth Board and the responses received.

4. The Panel was pleased to welcome public contributions at its meeting which it is hoped will continue from a wide range of people.
5. The Scrutiny Panel considered the Growth Board's Agenda for its meeting on 29 January 2019, in addition to considering in detail the Growth Deal Affordable Housing Programme followed by Communications and Engagement with the Oxfordshire Growth Board.
6. The Panel would like to thank Caroline Green (Assistant Chief Executive, Oxford City Council), Paul Staines (Growth Board Service Delivery Manager), Susan Harbour (Strategic Partnership Manager South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils), Andrew Down (Head of Partnership & Insight- South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils), Councillor Susan Brown (Chair of the Affordable Housing Sub Group), Giles Hughes (West Oxfordshire District Council, Head of Planning and Strategic Housing), Rachel Williams (Lead Officer Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP) for attending the meeting to answer questions.

#### **Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP) Consultation**

7. One of the main items discussed was the consultation process for Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP). The panel requested a list to be created of key consultees in addition to statutory list of consultees which already exists. CPRE to be added to list of key consultees.
8. The panel also fed back to the JSSP team that the upcoming big launch for Oxfordshire plan 2050 (JSSP) involve younger members of the public and be wider in its demographic.

**Recommendation 1: That the Growth Board reflect on the categorisation of consultees to create a separate list of key consultees in addition to the statutory list of consultees within the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP) consultation process. CPRE to be added to this list of key consultees.**

#### **Improving the Regulation 18 consultation document on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050**

9. The Panel discussed at length the need for a principle on climate change in the Regulation 18 consultation document to recognise its importance. The Panel considered the document to be inconsistent with international, national and local policies & targets concerning climate change.
10. The panel considered that the Regulation 18 consultation document should be aligned with the Government's definition of growth as contained within the Clean Growth Strategy 2018. The forward planning of our housing, transport and economic infrastructure would invariably have an impact on the climate. The impact that this climate change could have on health and wellbeing also needs to be considered.

**Recommendation 2: That the Growth Board redrafts the Regulation 18 consultation document to be more consistent with international, national and local policies and targets concerning climate change and other likely future trends. This should include:**

- a) alignment with the Government's definition of 'growth' as contained with the Clean Growth Strategy 2018.
- b) a greater recognition of the importance of climate change and its relationship with the forward planning of our housing, transport, health, wellbeing and economic infrastructure.
- c) a greater recognition of the 'mega-trends' that are expected to affect the demographic, climatic and technological environment.
- d) a 'SMART' target for greenhouse gas reductions against which all the aspirations and objectives are judged.

**Communication between the Growth Board and council's members**

11. A clear structure for communication between the Growth Board and each council's members was discussed in the previous Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 22 November 2018 as a part of the work programme for the Scrutiny Panel and is now being to put forward as a recommendation to Growth Board.

**Recommendation 3: That the Growth Board ask each Leader to establish a clear structure for communications between the Growth Board and each council's members**

**Future Work**

12. As well as reviewing the Growth Board's response to these recommendations at its next meeting, the Panel will also be considering in detail:
  - a. the project plan from Affordable Housing Sub-Group which includes a clear breakdown of delivery rates and affordability targets for housing in the respective districts
  - b. the project plan from the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP) team
  - c. the report on Impact of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 (JSSP) on green belts with a focus on the reallocation of green belt sites.
  - d. the report concerning the Local Industrial Strategy (OxLEP)
  - e. the Energy Strategy
  - f. the work of the Growth Board sub groups
  - g. to consider the Growth Board's Agenda, and any items for discussion including Quarter 3 monitoring data that was previously requested by panel.

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