

**Growth Board response to recommendations of the Growth Board Scrutiny Panel**  
**Recommendations made on 30 May 2019**  
**Response provided by 4 June 2019**

The Growth Board is requested to provide a draft response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel, to be published as a supplement collectively with the Scrutiny Panel's report, for decision at its meeting on 4 June 2019.

<b><i>Recommendation</i></b>	<b><i>Agree?</i></b>	<b><i>Comment</i></b>
<b>Recommendation 1: That the Growth Board clarify the governance structure for the Ox- Cam Arc Committee and the appointment procedure of the representative to the Ox-Cam Arc Committee.</b>	Agree	<p>The Director is giving a presentation on the Oxford to Cambridge Arc on 04 June where the governance structure will be clarified. A copy of this with any necessary explanation will be provided to the Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>There is no appointment procedure per se. Growth Board elected to nominate a Leader as its representative on a working group dealing with Place matters, when and if a member presence is required at future meetings.</p>
<b>Recommendation 2: That the Growth Board revisit the earlier recommendation on structured communication between the Growth Board and council's members considering member reports of having received incorrect or incomplete information.</b>	Agree	Leaders will review reporting procedures on their own Councils and ensure that regular updates are provided accordingly.
<b>Recommendation 3: That the Growth Board commission a review of the Oxford Green Belt and/or request an update to Oxfordshire SHMA 2014.</b>	Agree - in part	<p>Reviewing the evidence base in support of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is underway. This will include any required update to the review of the Green Belt work done previously, collectively or individually, and take consideration of the assessment of housing need to 2050. This may not be in the form of an update to SHMA, but will</p>

		be through an agreed methodology consistent with Government guidance.
<b>Recommendation 4: That the Growth Board reflect on the mutual dependencies between the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and both the Local Industrial Strategy and Ox-Cam Arc and also that the Growth Board commit to informing the Government with urgency the need for the LIS to go through Local Authority sign off process prior to final endorsement.</b>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Do not agree</p>	<p>The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 will reflect on such dependencies.</p> <p>It is not for the Growth Board to inform Government about how they expect their programmes to be signed off. The Local Industrial Strategy will be reviewed by every Council and it is for them to agree how they feed their views back to the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). OxLEP’s Board, taking due consideration of any comments received will then agree the Local Industrial Strategy in line with Government expectations.</p>
<b>Recommendation 5: That the Growth Board outline what procedures were followed for the changes to Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Regulation 18 Part 1 Consultation and reflect on the changes in the text which altered the narrative between the endorsement of the Local Authority Scrutiny Committees and the publishing of the document in the public domain.</b>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>The Director for the Oxfordshire Growth Board has been asked to explore this further and to ensure that correct procedures are in place to ensure that further changes in text are avoided after publishing.</p>
<b>Recommendation 6: That the Growth Board seeks clarification on the process; how and when the Joint Declaration of Ambition HM Government and Local Partners will be subject to public scrutiny and debate.</b>	<p>Do not agree</p>	<p>The Oxford to Cambridge Arc Leaders Group is a coalition of the willing and has no constituted status – therefore, the support or otherwise given was from the Leaders and Chairs who attend the Group meeting. There will not be any formal public scrutiny of that particular support, but there is intended to be a full public engagement programme over the summer and autumn where the merits, purpose and direction for any regional collaboration across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc will take place. It is expected the Oxfordshire Growth Board and its constituent members will fully engage in that programme and afford</p>

		opportunity for local debate, discussion and where appropriate, scrutiny.
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