Notes

OF A MEETING OF THE

Oxfordshire Growth Board Infrastructure Sub-Group

HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019 AT 1.00 PM
MEMBERS BOARD ROOM, COUNTY HALL, OXFORD, OX1 1ND

Present:

Voting members: Councillors , Yvonne Constance, Amos Duveen, Jeff Haine, Ian Hudspeth, (Chair) and David Turner

Officers: Caroline Green (Oxford City Council), Sue Halliwell, Kevin Jacob and Simon McEneny (Oxfordshire County Council)

1 Apologies for absence and notification of substitutions; declarations of interest; Chair's announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Linda Smith, (Oxford City Council) and Councillor Lynn Pratt, (Cherwell District Council).

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair welcomed Councillors Turner and Duveen as new members of the sub-group representing South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council respectively.

2 Note of the previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 were agreed.

Matters Arising

Cowley Branch line – update as part of the study of all the Oxfordshire Rail Network commissioned by Network Rail expected in autumn 2019.

3 Growth Deal Year End Programme Report

The Group considered a report setting out an overview of the Growth Deal Infrastructure workstream delivery and performance to 30 April 2019. It was noted that the end of the first year of delivery of the programme had occurred and a spend of £30m had been

achieved. An updated delivery plan had been presented to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in April for its consideration.

Issues raised:

- It was a significant achievement to have delivered the planned spend as had any spend remain there was potential for it to reclaimed by HM Government.
- Members questioned and received clarification on funding for the Watlington Edge Road.
- Members questioned arrangements for Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) as part of the proposed Year 2-5 infrastructure programme. It was noted that was about putting in place preparatory arrangements if required and did not relate to any specific schemes now.
- Members questioned the red, amber green, (RAG) rating in respect of individual projects. It was noted this reflected the level of confidence in completion of the planned stage in a scheme's schedule not physical completion on site.

The Group noted:

1) The Year 2 Q1 monitoring report and the progress made to date
2) The Year 2 reprofiling exercise and the agreement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, (MHCLG).
3) The Year 2 to 5 delivery programme exercise and the programme going forward.

4 Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy - Proposed Update

The Group considered a report on proposed options to progress the commitment in the Growth Deal to refresh the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy, (OxIS) in years 2 (2019/2020) and 4 (2021/2022) of the Deal whilst aligning this to the requirements of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

Issues raised:

- The OxIS had been approved by the Growth Board in November 2017 and examined all infrastructure including scheme put forward via the Housing and Infrastructure Fund, (HIF) and those which now had Growth Deal funding. A refresh was intended to allow for the long list of schemes to be updated in light of the Deal, successful HIF bids to HM Government and later local plan iterations.
- A wide range of partners such as the NHS, utilities had been engaged with although a challenge was the differences in how each organisation undertook long term planning.
- Members raised the importance of the consideration of the supply of water in terms of future infrastructure requirements and their ranking.

After discussion the Group **supported** the progression of Option 2 as set out in the report for a refresh of the OxIS to be undertaken in two tranches.

5 Oxfordshire Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP5) Update

The Group considered a report that set out an update on the production of a new Local Transport and Connectivity Plan for Oxfordshire, (LTP5) to replace the previous LTP4 version agreed in 2015 with an update in 2016.

Issues raised:

- A refresh was needed as the much had changed since the LTP4 had been approved, An ambitious and transformative plan was required to reflect the wider national, regional and local policy framework and to take into account funding secured for Oxfordshire as part of the Housing and Growth Deal and Housing Infrastructure Fund.
- Other key changes were to seek to include 'connectivity' into the title to encompass not just transport connectivity, but also digital connectivity and to reflect on the acknowledgment by Oxfordshire County Council of a Climate Emergency.
- The indicative consultation timeframe was noted and representatives of district councils encouraged to raise the issue of the LTCP5 to parish councils through their own liaison channels such as parish liaison meetings.
- Members commented that it was important that the plan should address rural transport and connectivity access issues as well as those linked to conurbations.
- The issue of heavy good vehicle routing was raised.

The Group **noted** the report.

6   Any other business

Housing Infrastructure Fund Update
The Group was provided with an update on the progress of the housing from infrastructure fund.

Issues raised:

- Year 1 commitments had been achieved.
- Oxfordshire had developed a constructive working relationship with Homes England
- Risks to the infrastructure programme and delivery of homes were highlighted.

The Group **noted** the report.

7   Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting as Tuesday 23 July was noted.

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm