

To: Oxfordshire Growth Board

Title of Report: Feedback from the Growth Board and Health & Wellbeing Board Networking Event

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Summary Briefing

A networking event was held between members of the Growth Board and members of the Health & Wellbeing Board on 5 February 2020. The purpose of this event was to provide an informal opportunity for system leaders to discuss areas of common interest and to consider how they might work together to address such issues.

At the event, partners from across Oxfordshire agreed that significant benefits for local people can be achieved through bringing together planning for housing, infrastructure and the economy with planning for residents' health and wellbeing. Members agreed that they shared the aspiration to create healthy communities and there was considerable discussion as to the factors that enable and act as obstacles to delivering this ambition.

At the close of the event, it was agreed that there was benefit in members of the two Boards continuing to work together and that future discussions should focus on a few key areas where there would be added value from input from this wider set of stakeholders.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. the Growth Board asks officers to consider and propose a few specific priorities that should be the focus of joint working between members of both Boards for agreement at a future meeting of the Growth Board and of the Health & Wellbeing Board
2. A second networking event is held in the autumn of 2020 between members of the Growth Board and members of the Health & Wellbeing Board to progress action in these identified areas.