

Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP) Update to South Oxfordshire District Council 13 February 2025

Since the last Council meeting, there has been one meeting of the FOP Board.

At the meeting on **28 January 2025**, the following items were considered:

- Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee Terms of Reference – the Board endorsed the name, terms of reference and memorandum of understanding of the joint committee to replace FOP. These will require approval by each local authority Cabinet. In line with previous commitments by the Leader of the Council, these revised Terms of Reference will be shared with Joint Scrutiny Committee (24 February 2025) and Joint Audit and Governance Committee (25 February 2025), with Cabinet taking a decision on 6 March 2025.
- Oxfordshire Climate Change Adaptation Route Map – the Board noted the partnership approach to co-developing the Adaptation Route Map and endorsed the adoption of the Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map. It was agreed that each Leader will take back to their respective authority and then the item would come back to a future meeting for discussion. Leaders recognised that only funded activity could proceed and that a key first step was for OCC, rather than the districts, to increase engagement with local communities around flooding.
- Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Annual Report 2023/24 – the Board noted the progress set out in the annual report and noted the importance on continuing to support the Oxfordshire Inclusive Economy Partnership, which helps to deliver several outcomes of the Oxfordshire Strategic Vision.

A copy of the FOP Forward Plan presented to the 28 January 2025 meeting is attached.

The next meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2025 when the Board will meet as the new Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee (subject to all local authorities' Cabinets supporting prior to the meeting). The items that will be considered at that meeting including an update on the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal (end of Quarter 3 2024/25). Further discussion on the Oxfordshire Climate Adaptation Route Map was tabled for the next meeting. No other items were added to the Forward Plan pending further information on Local Government Organisation and Devolution.

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