

Significant Partnerships 2014/2015 : Mid year

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Sub-Regional Partnerships		
Oxfordshire Partnership Board	G	The Board continues to meet every six months and recently focussed on the significance and implications of the military presence in Oxfordshire, the work and funding of the TV Police and Crime Commissioner and the health and social care challenges in Oxfordshire, all of which have a significance for Cherwell.
Health and Well Being Partnership Board (H&WB)	G	The wide ranging well being agenda is reflected through this Board with good District engagement through the supporting Health Improvement Board. There is a current and growing focus on potential Oxfordshire County Council funding reductions for supported housing functions which are an important aspect of the Council's housing service.
Environment and Waste Partnership	G	The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership was formally dissolved during the Summer 2014. The Oxfordshire Environment & Waste Partnership is due to meet in early November 2014
Oxfordshire Safer Community Partnership (OSCP)	G	Community safety continues to support OSCP, through attendance and compliance with terms of reference and briefings to the lead member on the board.
Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA)	G	Watching brief kept on Oxfordshire Stronger communities alliance. It doesn't achieve much beyond the networking opportunities afforded by its meetings.
Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) (Oxfordshire)	G	The Council contributes to OLEP and in particular works with Invest in Oxfordshire, an OLEP service, on inward investment enquiries
Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) (South Midlands)	G	The Council contributes to SEMLEP including development of Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and joint funding bids with South Northants Council
Cherwell-specific Partnerships		
Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)	G	LSP board has refined its focus on the five key priorities that it hopes to be able to benefit most from its cross sector partnership working approach. The Reference Group conference will be held jointly with the Parish Liaison on 12 November. Officers are currently considering (given the limited support resource available to the LSP Board) how to ensure the appropriate breadth of agenda and senior level engagement
Cherwell Safer Community Partnership (CSCP)	G	The Community Safety Partnership continues to meet quarterly with police and partners. The PCC has suggested that funding for 2015-16 will be the same as for this year, subject to any unforeseen funding issues. The partnership has informed the police that further funding of police posts will cease in 2015-16. What grant is received will be for priorities of youth and ASB.

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Cherwell M40 Investment Partnership (CHIP)	G	The group - involving the Council, College, Job Centre+ and Developers Agents to review economic opportunities in the district. The Group has contributed to the development of the GVA Employment Land Review to assess the need for land and the quantity of business premises
Banbury Town Centre Partnership (BTCP)	G	The BTCP receives input from the Town Centre Coordinators appointed using Portas funding. They are currently working with the town businesses to identify a package of additional marketing and promotional changes in support of strengthening the town centre as a place to shop, visit and spend leisure time
Bicester Vision (BV)	G	All objectives remain on track. The Partnership continues to meet monthly with Cherwell's Commercial Director (Bicester) as Vice-Chair.
Homelessness Strategy Partnership	G	The steering group has met to monitor the actions in the homelessness prevention action plan. End of year - a group of internal and external partners is monitoring the delivery of Cherwell's ambitious Homelessness Prevention Action Plan. The plan is designed to continue the Council's strong focus on homelessness prevention through partnership. Grant funding has been provided to The Hill young people's centre and BYHP to provide a family focussed approach to homelessness prevention with young people, to Reducing the Risk for domestic abuse outreach. Further funding is provided to Connection to work with single homeless people and to YMCA for work in the Youth Foundation Learning Centre
Cherwell RSL Partnership & Sanctuary Housing Group	G	RP management partnership group has met on a quarterly basis. Partnerships are developed through additional communications on particular topics such as sustainability or lettings monitoring. Excellent feedback is received from Registered Partners on the way partnerships are supported here. A new annual appraisal system is planned to monitor registered providers operating in the district.
NW Bicester Strategic Delivery Board	G	Board continues to meet quarterly and provides updates on all aspects of NW Bicester delivery (Eco Bicester, NW Bicester Primary School, Employment & Skills) as well as Risk and Finance Monitoring statements. The Action Plan (Forward Plan) update was submitted to the October meeting
Banbury Brighter Futures	G	The multi agency work targeted in the Brighter Futures wards has continued to supplement the core services provided by key partners. There have been many new initiatives commenced. The Cherwell Community Bank as the local credit union has been increasing its presence locally and is planning for a Sunshine Centre launch. Preparation is also well underway for the second partners engagement event on 3 December, this time focussing on the voluntary sector.