

**Appendix 2**  
**Overview & Scrutiny - Monitoring Recommendations**

<b>Review Title:</b>	Partnership Scrutiny – Oxfordshire Rural Community Council		
<b>Scrutiny Members:</b>	Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board		
<b>Scrutiny Officer:</b>	Natasha Clark		

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Executive Response (April 2010)</b>	<b>Status/Comments August 2010</b>	<b>Status/Comments June 2011</b>	<b>Status/Comments February 2013</b>
1.	That it be noted that the Council's partnership with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council is an important partnership which should continue and be regarded as critical to the delivery of the rural agenda.	Accepted	The Council maintains the partnership with ORCC. This will have to be kept under review in light of emerging budget and service pressures.	CDC proposes to withdraw funding for ORCC's rural community transport work. Instead, it is proposed to tender 3 contracts to deliver a range of advice and services, including setting up volunteer driver schemes.	The Council maintains the partnership with ORCC. Recent developments in community rights (Neighbourhood Planning, Community Right to Bid etc.) have created additional workstreams for ORCC.

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2.	<p>That a Service Level Agreement for the rural community development and community transport elements of the partnership be adopted.</p>	Accepted	<p>Heads of terms have been developed from which an SLA is expected to be established by end of 2010. Progress on this has been delayed in light of budget review and service pressures.</p>	<p>A 2011/12 SLA has been agreed by both parties. If the commissioning proposals are approved, Community transport will no longer be included in the SLA from 2012/13. Development of volunteer car schemes would be delivered under other contract(s) by the successful bidder(s), which may or may not include ORCC as part of a consortium.</p>	<p>The 2011/12 was extended through 2012/13. A new SLA will be agreed for 2013/14. ORCC continues to have a community transport role, partnering Banbury CAB in development and delivery of Cherwell's volunteer driver schemes and hosting the Oxfordshire Community Transport Advisory Group</p>
3.	<p>That an annual programme of aims/objectives (aligned to the Rural Strategy Action Plan and the Council's corporate priorities) be agreed with ORCC and regularly reviewed and monitored by officers, the elected Member representative from a rural ward and reported to the Portfolio Holder.</p>	Accepted	<p>ORCC workstreams supported by CDC align with Rural Strategy &amp; Corporate Plan objectives &amp; are monitored by CDC officers. Formalisation into an annual programme will form part of the SLA, progress on specific Rural Strategy Actions will depend on the outcomes of the budget review process.</p>	<p>The 2011/12 annual programme of aims/objectives is within the SLA. It has been approved by the elected Member representative from a rural ward and reported to the Lead Member for Safer Communities, Urban &amp; Rural Services.</p>	<p>The 2013/14 SLA will align with CDC corporate objectives and the Community Services Service Plan. The Rural Champion and the Lead Member for Community Services will be consulted on the draft SLA.</p>

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4.	<p>That the role and involvement of elected Members (the representative from a rural ward and the Portfolio Holder) in the Council's partnership with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council be clarified and strengthened.</p>	Accepted	<p>Cllr Atack (Cropredy Ward) is now CDC's Rural Champion and will be the Council's member representative for ORCC. He will be attending the ORCC AGM &amp; Conference on 08 October 2010.</p>	<p>Cllr Atack is now a board Member of ORCC. Cllr Reynolds is now Lead Member for Safer Communities, Urban &amp; Rural Services. Cllr Wood and Councillor Pickford's areas of responsibility cover community development &amp; community transport.</p>	<p>Cllr Atack continues as a board member of ORCC. He has recently been appointed CDC's Rural Champion. Cllr Reynolds is Lead Member for Community Services.</p>
5.	<p>That the elected Member representative from a rural ward should work closely with rural community development officers and community transport officers to provide overall steer and direction for the partnership.</p>	Accepted	<p>Cllr Atack is now the Council's Rural Champion – taking an overview of all rural services. He is involved in direction setting for the ORCC SLA</p>	<p>Cllr Atack is taking an overview of CDC's rural services. He is regularly briefed on the Council's work with ORCC.</p>	<p>Cllr Atack continues to take an overview of CDC's rural services. He is regularly briefed on the Council's work with ORCC.</p>

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6.	That the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board should monitor progress against each of the above recommendations and review the situation, initially in September 2010.	Accepted	The R&PS Board in their monitoring of progress will need to take into account the significant changes to service delivery that are emerging across the Council as a consequence of the budget position.	The R&PSB in their monitoring of progress will need to take into account the significant changes to service delivery that are emerging across the Council as a consequence of the budget position.	
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