## Rural Affordable Housing and Exception Sites Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership

- Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership (OHRP) is a sub group of the Oxfordshire Housing partnership but has its own separate membership
- ORHP formed in 2003/04 to tackle the shortage of affordable housing in Oxfordshire.
- It is a voluntary partnership involving the 4 rural District Councils, 4 partner associations (Registered Social Landlords), Oxford Rural Communities Council which employs 2 Rural Housing Enablers (RHEs), a construction contractor and an employees agent. A diagram setting out the structure of the OHRP is overleaf.
- It was set up to run to 2009 with a target to achieve 500 affordable housing units across the county.
- At mid 2008 it was on course to deliver 400 units by end of 08/09.
- Cherwell has delivered 42 units of rural housing through ORHP from 2004-08 (a further 22 are recorded as anticipated).
- ORHP has provided a clear process for delivering schemes with shared good practice and collaborative working.
- In early 2008 Government funding supporting the RHEs was withdrawn. The ORHP partners continued to provide their funding but this only pays for 3 days per week for each RHE.
- In early 2008 OHP commissioned De Montfort University to undertake a Critical Friend Review of the ORHP. The report has been published and ORHP is considering what should happen post 2009.

## Appendix D 3

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## Affordable Housing Partnership Diagram



