

Significant Partnerships 2009/2010 April - June 2009			
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<b>Oxfordshire-wide Partnerships</b>			
Supporting People		<b>G</b>	The following projects are ongoing: Mental health and housing strategic review, re-commissioning of young people's services, review of governance and extension of domestic violence services.
Children and Young People's Partnership		<b>G</b>	Children and young peoples plan being reviewed during this year. North Area Board being set up.
Oxfordshire Housing Partnership		<b>G</b>	The work programme of this partnership is on-track. There is currently close working with the Homes and Communities Agency.
Oxfordshire Waste Partnership		<b>G</b>	OWP performing well - new financial arrangements are now in place. LAA 1 funds on Cleanliness not secured. Cherwell met the LAA1 cleanliness target but other Oxfordshire LAs failed to meet the target. Funds to pay around 25% of Cherwell's costs associated with relaunch of battery recycling secured from OWP.
Oxfordshire Economic Partnership		<b>G</b>	<b>CMT Emerging Issue</b> OEP has agreed to amend its governance arrangements, but the detail of these, and in particular the role of the District Councils, has not been agreed. OEP have good support from OCC and SEEDA, but there is a risk that the Districts may become marginalised unless this can be addressed. This could lessen our ability to influence economic policy for the District.
Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership		<b>G</b>	
Oxfordshire Voluntary Sector Development Partnership (OVSDP)		<b>G</b>	
Health and Well Being Partnership Board		<b>G</b>	Progress being made on greater Ageing Successfully joint working regarding services for older people. Likewise for the Better Mental Health and Obesity strategies. Clarity provided on the need for the Supporting People partnership to remain intact under the new partnerships structure and governance arrangements for Oxfordshire. LAA1 and LAA2 reward grant performances on track.

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<b>Cherwell-specific Partnerships</b>			
Cherwell Community Planning Partnership		<b>G</b>	Focus of Q1 has been drafting the new SCS and reforming leadership and governance. SCS in draft out for consultation and new governance arrangements agreed.
Cherwell Safer Community Partnership		<b>G</b>	<b>CMT Success</b> Integrated Offender Management initiative launched to provide more effective engagement with Magistrates and Crown Prosecution Service and better understanding of local community priorities.
Homelessness Strategy Partnership		<b>G</b>	<b>CMT Success</b> In June the number of Households in Temporary Accommodation hit a new low of 51 This can be attributed to the implementation of the Temporary Accommodation strategy and solid homeless prevention work by officers. Three properties were acquired in Bicester as part of the re-commissioning of higher standard units of temporary accommodation. The Move On Support Group has been commissioned to engage former homeless people in employment training and help them make the break permanently from homelessness. This will be based in Banbury and is a first for Oxfordshire. A multi agency vulnerable adults group has been established to co-ordinate pathways for adults who are vulnerable due to substance abuse, offending, and mental health problems. The Parents and Children together charity have engaged 12 BME women who have experienced decades of domestic abuse. This would normally be an extremely hard-to-reach group. These women are going to participate in the freedom programme which is a group work programme to help break the cycle of domestic abuse. This is a direct initiative of the homelessness strategy and is commissioned by CDC. A domestic violence outreach worker has been commissioned district-wide. Funding has been secured from the "Charter plus" charitable wing of Charter for a youth and community initiative on Bretch Hill.

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Cherwell Registered Social Landlords Partnership and Sanctuary Housing Group		G	<p><b>CMT Success</b> Affordable housing delivery is on track, and excellent progress has been made in taking forward the Affordable Housing and Recession Action Plan that was approved by Executive in January 2009. Partnership working with the HCA has been developed and HCA funding has been sought for the Cassington Road scheme in Yarnton for 138 affordable housing units. In addition, the Government has made Kick Start funding available nationally (for those schemes which have become financially unviable) and the Council has worked with RSLs and Countryside developers to submit a bid to the HCA for funding to assist the SW Bicester urban extension.</p> <p>The 2008/09 Acquisitions scheme is now delivered, and the scheme for 2009/10 has gone to tender. Executive approved a draft Older Person's Housing Strategy for consultation, and the Council has tendered for a financial viability toolkit to assist individual site negotiations in respect of affordable housing and affordable housing viability study to test potential future affordable housing policy.</p>
Cherwell M40 Investment Partnership		G	No planned activities this month.
Kidlington Village Centre Management Board		G	
Banbury Town Centre Partnership		G	
Bicester Vision		G	The Vision group is operating effectively, being well supported by Business partners. A successful retail conference was run in June.
Central Oxfordshire Steering Group			This partnership is not currently operating as it is in transition. It will become the new Spatial Planning and Information Partnership under Oxfordshire Partnership Governance arrangements.