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Whole document Oxford centric, north of county not reflected	Amendments made, consider this is now largely acceptable.	Page 15 – current position – first para – last sentence amend to read ‘...motorsports (Banbury is a sub regional hub and other areas in North Oxfordshire), and publishing industries.’ Page 24 – first para very Oxford centric. Include reference to historic market towns, Cotswold and ironstone villages.	Done Done		
Document refers to SE region needs to recognise north of county borders East Mids, West Mids	Amendments made, specifically on Cherwell page and p12 - first para – talks about neighbouring areas				
P3 Foreword reads as though document belongs to county council and is form one source, not in spirit of partnership	All LSP Chairs to sign.				
P6 Bloxham is on map with cities	Bloxham still on map. Really point of reference.	Ask for Bloxham to come off the map on p8.	Not done.	Ask for Bloxham to come off map on p6.	Done
P7 doesn't mention migration stats	Not amended and no explanation.	Page 9 -Inward migration to Cherwell is significant. In 2001 7.5% of the population considered themselves to belong to a group other than white British; by 2006 this had grown to 10.7%. Our research and experience demonstrates that this growth has come and continues to come from migrant workers from Polish and other Eastern European communities. This also needs to be reflected on page 20 – current position – second para – need to include the % in Banbury and Didcot (Banbury Grimsbury ward has 10.9%). But white non British are also a significant community in Cherwell.	Not included, suggests add into Cherwell section – it is already there so suggest no further action. Not included, suggests add into Cherwell section – but as Oxford as % why not Banbury and	Page 18, 7.3, change to read ‘...13% in the city of Oxford with 10.9% in the Banbury Grimsbury ward and a sizeable population in	Done

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			Didcot? (page 18, 7.3) in new version.	Didcot...'	
P9 Healthy and thriving communities: focus housing, congestion as opposed to transport	Comments around congestions run throughout the document, in most cases it has been amended to be less Oxford centric and include reference to trunk roads and market towns. But suggest amendment to p17.	Page 17 – 'we pledge to' – change last bullet point to read 'Tackle traffic congestion across Oxfordshire, particularly on trunk roads and around market towns , Oxford City and other hotspots'.	Done		
P11/12 worried if go to specifics rather than county averages	Hard as some Cllrs OK with averages and others not!				
P11/12 with boundaries, a lot of services in north of district are cross border e.g. Horton Hospital document doesn't reflect this 2 counties visions feed in to Oxfordshire pct and an Oxfordshire vision is not helpful	Cherwell page makes this clearer and p12 – first para mentions 'health services' and 'neighbouring areas'.				
P11/12 School catchment is cross border issue which is not reflected	As above.				
P12 landfill and waste not covered	Mentioned in 'environment and climate change' theme.				
P12 Affordable housing not defined in document	Wording has been changed – more about housing being unaffordable.				
P12 Traffic congestion , access to Oxford focussed on access to other market towns ignored	Suggested amendments largely taken onboard.				
P13 Focus on high tech	Not amended and no	Page 15 – 'key issues include' – first bullet point	Done		

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industry our focus in Banbury is on mid tech e.g. manufacturing to enable employment of local people, employment needs to be suitable for workforce we are producing from our local education system	explanation. Page 30 – Cherwell page mentions mid and high tech.	add in reference to mid tech industries so read ‘...our mid and high technology businesses..’			
P15 'well above national avg not qualified, doesn't say by how much ratio of housing supply to demand to be improved by. Education achievement letting down county should be targets to improve	We would expect this sort of detail in the delivery plan, although measures are in delivery plan targets aren't but there is a link to OP website.	Make clearer that delivery plan includes measures and that the targets and resources are detailed in separate action plans that can be found on the Oxfordshire Partnership website (assuming this is the case).	Not done, suggests that 'the detailed action plans are currently in development and once these are finalised they will be available on the Oxfordshire Partnership website.' Not sure that clear enough, the delivery plan contains measures not targets.	Add a footer on each page in the delivery plan to say ' Detailed action plans and targets will be available on www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk once they are available '	Not done
P17 sense of community no mention of conservation areas to promote sense of place	Not included, comment said that this wasn't considered critical.				
P19 Youth, volunteering and deprivation should be specific mention of supporting youth groups	Not included. Volunteering generally part of LAA. Comment above around funding could help to address this point.				
Environment and climate	Quite a lot of change made				

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change should be worded as adaptation to it as it is going to happen anyway	to environment and climate change section to better reflect adapting to as well as minimising climate change.				
P26 Need to mention protecting high value landscapes from wind turbines	Not mentioned. Environment and climate change section talks about 'preserve and enhance the character of our city, our market towns and villages' and 'enhancing the quality of the natural environment, landscapes and biodiversity', also mentions 'the use of renewable sources of energy also needs to be explored'. Is more needed?				
Market Towns initiative had its day and done a disservice to villages	n/a				
P16 needs to mention town and parish councils as the closest elements of government to the people, bottom up small government needs to be emphasised	More is mentioned about town and parish council – especially on page 6.				
Large No. in No Oxfordshire not registered with a GP	Not mentioned and no explanation.	Need to include reference to the fact that within north Oxfordshire there are a large number of people not registered with a G.P. This is evidence by the PCT reasons for the new health centre in Banbury.	Not included, suggests should be part of Cherwell section.	Page 29, 10.10, second bullet, add 'Registration with G.P.s is low in parts of north Oxfordshire.'	Done
Targets need to be achievable	Agreed. Assumption that as targets have come from the various partnerships that they are. The delivery				

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	plan doesn't include all targets and LAA information only lists measures.				
Document needs glossary	Not included, but hopefully less relevant now that in clearer English.				
P26 Homelessness in Oxford needs to be mentioned, Oxford City need to mention, access to city needs to be mentioned	Not included. Need to be careful as wanted less Oxford centric. The Oxford City response doesn't mention homelessness.				
Why is Cherwell mentioned in Sq km when city and others in sq miles?	Will put in sq miles!	Page 30 – first line to read ‘...Cherwell covers an area of 590km2 (228 square miles) ...’	Done.		
The links between the District LSPs and the delivery of the Oxfordshire 2030 Pledges and Targets are not clear.	Made clearer.	The links between the District LSPs and the delivery of the Oxfordshire 2030 Pledges and Targets are still not clear or strongly enough represented in the Strategy. There are still not clear links between the statistical evidence, pledges and actions.	Response: ‘there is further work to be done by district colleagues in terms of strengthening the local distinctiveness section and the delivery plan, which will then ensure that this is represented in the strategy’. Response: ‘we feel that the current position section makes this link – a website link has been	A diagram showing how District LSPs link into Oxfordshire 2030 and the delivery plan would be useful. Agreed difficult at this time but could not a very simplistic diagram listed ‘thematic partnerships’ as a block be included?	Not done Not done

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		The links between Oxfordshire partnership, Thematic partnerships and District LSPs needs to be clearly set out.	added within the strategy if further information is required on the evidence base'. Suggest leave as is. Response: a model has not been included as the review of partnerships is still underway ..we will include a diagram when this has been agreed'.	Otherwise these important links could be lost.	
Page 6 – contact details		Helen Couperthwaite, Community and Corporate Planning Officer, 01295 221751, community.planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk	Format changed, no longer requires named contact.	Page 43 – add email address as well as website address: community.planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk	Done.
Page 6 - find out more about your Local Strategic Partnership		Page 6 – Find out more about your LSP – second sentence – amend to read ‘ The local ambitions of the five District LSPs have fed ...’	Done.		
Page 16 – economic regeneration		Page 16 – last bullet point before ‘workforce skills’ add ‘ Banbury traditionally has a manufacturing base and needs to attract mid and high tech industries ’.	Suggests reference to Banbury has been included – but made it sound like Banbury and Bicester have similar needs – not sure this is true, suggest	Page 14, 6.10, third bullet point, take out ‘ and Banbury ’, but add new bullet point that reads ‘ Developing the Banbury economy by attracting mid and high tech industries ’.	Done.

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			Banbury needs a separate bullet point.		
Page 21 - typos		<p>Page 21 – para starting ‘Participation in culture...’ – last word on second line needs to read ‘identity’.</p> <p>Second to last line needs to put ‘VCS’ out in full.</p> <p>Last para before ‘democratic change’ not clear what it means. In Banbury there have been large numbers of immigrants who have integrated well in schools and in the town.</p>	<p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Para taken out.</p>		
Page 22 – more emphasis?	With the Horton in mind, under the pledges we asked for ‘ensure local provision of key health services’. The draft now says ‘defend access to local services particularly in rural communities’ – suggest we also ask for ‘ensure local provision of key health services’.	Page 22 – additional pledge to read ‘ensure local provision of key health services’ .	Not done, suggests ‘defend access to local services particularly in rural communities’ is sufficient. Suggest we push for ‘ensure local provision of key health services’ so that there is more emphasis on health services.	Page 21– additional pledge to read ‘ensure local provision of key health services’ .	Not done.
Page 25 - clarification		Page 15 – managing the impact of climate change – para 3 – line 6 – make clear that Oxfordshire Waste Partnership includes the 5 Oxfordshire Districts and the County Council. Also recognise that whilst recycling rates matched the best in Europe this was largely	Partially done – mentioned who on OWP but not credited us with recycling – suggest		

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		because of Cherwell.	sufficient.		
Page 28 – re-stress previous comment.		Page 28 – first bullet point – in Cherwell white working class males tend to be the lowest performers and some BMEs are actually very high performers. The point needs to better reflect the diversity of the county.	Not done, suggests include as part of Cherwell section. Probably out of context there so leave as is.		
Page 31 – Cherwell page		Page 31 – bullet point starting ‘make it easier for you to get..’ – change second sentence to read ‘It should be noted that whilst those in the southern end of the district look towards Oxford most in the north look towards Banbury.’	Done		
Delivery Plan					
P5 Junctions 9 and 10 should be mentioned as also traffic congestion	Not included, no explanation.	Page 7 – bottom of the page – make reference to junction 10 as well as junction 9 on M40 so reads ‘...including improvements to M40 Junctions 9 and 10 , East-west...’	Done.		
P6 mention funding for youth groups	See comment above – need better links to where information about funding can be found.				
P8 resist violent extremists	More is included about violent extremism.				
P9 doesn't mention exams and qualifications	The relevant NIs (many of which are in LAA) are included – again this might be a signposting issue to targets.				
P3 many different cross border issues, some partners may want to act alone	Cross border issues are referred to in actual strategy – see above. Partners acting alone is n/a as this is a partnership				

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	document and only partnership activities are to be included.				
Economy issues are oxford centric	The document is now much less Oxford centric.				
P9 area committees are not in all areas and don't always work we don't want them here, document written based on oxford	Agreed area committees not all areas – they are mentioned as this is what Oxford City has rather than Town and Parish Councils.				
P10 Participation with diverse communities should be through parish and town councils	Not included. Looks like information is missing for this pledge.	Page 12 – pledge 8 – more information needed here, need to include the importance of Town and Parish Councils in delivering this pledge.	Response 'we will note the importance of town and parish councils in delivering this pledge'. Suggest this is sufficient.		
Children's centres need to be properly resourced, town and parish councils have to top up a present	Not an issue for the delivery plan – but better signposting to resources would pick this up – see above.				
P11 reducing temporary accommodation, but need to be able to cope	This should be an issue for the Housing partnership to consider – better signposting to action plans should help – see comment above.				
P11 public transport need to ensure cross boundary	Picked up in Strategy on page 12 – first para.				
Nothing in actions about 3,000 military personnel in Bicester not picked up as a minority	Military personnel now included in both strategy and delivery plan.				

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