

Committee: Oxfordshire Growth Board
Date: Thursday 31 March 2016
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Bodicote House, Bodicote,
Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman) **Councillor Ian Hudspeth (Vice-Chairman)**
Councillor Matthew Barber **Councillor John Cotton**
Councillor Sir Barry Norton **Councillor Bob Price**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at the meeting.

- 3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Oxfordshire Growth Board held on 2 February 2016.

- 4. Chairman's Announcements**

To receive communications from the Chairman.

- 5. Public Participation**

Members of the public may ask questions of the Chairman of the Growth Board, or address the Growth Board on any substantive item at a meeting subject to the restrictions set out in the public participation scheme: [Public Participation Scheme](#)

Deadline to submit questions: By 24 March 2016 in writing or email to the Chief Executive or Secretariat of the host authority

Deadline to submit requests to address the meeting: No later than noon on the day before the meeting (Wednesday 30 March 2016) in writing or email to the Chief Executive or Secretariat of the host authority

6. Post SHMA Strategic Work Programme update report (Pages 5 - 10)

Report Contact: Growth Board Programme Manager

Purpose of report

To provide the Growth Board (the Board) with an update on the Post-SHMA Strategic Work Programme (the Programme).

Recommendations

Officers ask the Board to note both progress of the Programme to date and the fact that it will not be achieved without the full continued commitment of all partners to the Programme, and to reaffirm that commitment.

7. Strategic Transport Forum report (Pages 11 - 22)

Report Contact: Growth Board Programme Manager

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Growth Board with an introduction to the Strategic Transport Forum (the Forum), a newly formed sub-group of England's Economic Heartland Alliance. The report also advises on the proposed work programme the streams the forum is developing.

Recommendations

To note the report.

8. Future Local Government Structures report (Pages 23 - 28)

Report Contact: Councillor Barry Wood

Purpose of the Report

The Board is recommended to note that the five District Councils for Oxfordshire have together with partners commissioned a report into the potential for Unitary Councils together with a combined authority; and that the County Council have indicated that they propose to separately commission work that will review all options for local government structures.

A letter from Oxford City Council (representing the districts) addressed to Oxford County Council, together with a briefing note from Oxford County Council are appended for information.

Recommendations

To Note the Report

9. Work Programme (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider and review the Board Work Programme.

10. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 26 May 2016, 2pm, Council Chamber, Cherwell DC Council Offices

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Information about this Meeting

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Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts &

Supplementary Estimates

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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Sue Smith
Chief Executive

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