

Significant Partnerships 2009/2010 April 2009 - March 2010			
	Quarter Three	Quarter Four	Comment
<b>Oxfordshire-wide Partnerships</b>			
Supporting People	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	CDC has contributed to the Countywide Mental Health and Housing Strategy: From Supported to Independent Living. The commissioning will be collaborative between the PCT and Supporting People with stakeholder involvement. There is an intention to provide one block of high support accommodation in each of the rural districts.
Children and Young People's Partnership	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	CDC continues to support the CYPP and contribute to opportunities for young people within the district. Area action plan being developed.
Oxfordshire Housing Partnership	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	Cherwell has facilitated the Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership (SPIP) during 2009/10 which has been chaired by Councillor Barry Wood, Council Leader. The SPIP has overseen the development of the Oxfordshire sub-region pilot Single Conversation, which is a Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) business process that enables partners to achieve their vision through a shared investment agreement - this includes the full range of housing, infrastructure, regeneration and community activities that are within its scope. The OHP now sits under the SPIP providing a focus for the full range of housing activities. As well as Cherwell exceeding its targets on affordable housing delivery and reductions in temporary accommodation, the Council has also secured £324,000 of Local Area Agreement (LAA) reward funding to provide a young persons self build scheme at Miller Road, Banbury which will give work training and employment and affordable housing opportunities to young people and create a model that can be replicated elsewhere across the county.
Oxfordshire Waste Partnership	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	All key performance measures on track - overall there has been a large reduction (approx 5%) in overall arisings across the County and this with members increasing recycling has produced a significant fall in the amount of waste sent to landfill.
Oxfordshire Economic Partnership	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	OEP has secured LAA monies for various activities, including future funding for the OBE service, previously financed by the Council. They continue to grow their area of activity.
Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	Attendance at senior level to all Partnership meetings and County Tactical Business Group meetings. New scrutiny arrangements finalised and new Draft Constitution for the Partnership produced. Partnership developing spending plans for ABG reward and long term funding for TBG's agreed. NI21 Public Confidence Steering Group on track, communications project with Data Observatory and TVP Analysts stage one completed. Have Your Say Event took place on 18/05/10 over 100 attendees. ASB minimum standards presented by all CDRP's. Oxfordshire 2030 refresh nearing completion. Oxfordshire MANTRA initiative complete.

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Oxfordshire Voluntary Sector Development Partnership (OVSDP)	G	G	The Oxfordshire Voluntary Sector Development Partnership has now been developed into the Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance to take a stronger role in the voluntary sector and community priorities. The key achievements in 2009/10 include the completion of the Building Better Neighbourhoods Report which covers the contribution that faith communities make, the contribution to the development of the Oxfordshire Voluntary Sector Compact, and the awarding of a contract to Grantscape for the management and delivery of a Community and Voluntary grant scheme.
Health and Well Being Partnership Board	G	G	Ongoing work associated with a county wide Ageing Successfully Strategy and tackling obesity. Some concern about the change necessary and service effect of future PCT funding difficulties.
Cherwell-specific Partnerships			
Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership	G	G	<b>CMT Success</b> The new governance arrangements have been agreed and have been running since November. The three key elements of the new Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership have all met and continue to develop. The new Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy, Our District, Our Future, was launched in February and delivery plans are in the process of being finalised.
Cherwell Safer Community Partnership	G	G	Attendance at all Partnership meetings. Partnership reported 10% reduction in serious acquisitive crime . All crime (-7%) and ASB (-617 offences) down on last year. Effective joint agency operational meetings take place bi weekly. Deter Young Offenders programme reporting a 70% reduction in re-offending. Cherwell is the only district at this time to run such a programme. Community TV continuing across the district with the addition of a screen in the Horton General in the near future. Performance Group Monitoring Action Groups activities continuing. Risk Management exercise carried out and agreed risks to be included and managed by CDC (in P+ system). Neighbourhood management steering group continuing to meet in order to standardise all Neighbourhood Action Groups. LAA1 reward received from Oxfordshire County Council for successes in delivering targets therein.
Homelessness Strategy Partnership	G	G	<b>CMT Success</b> CDC has successfully helped 9 households access the national mortgage rescue scheme. Not a single case referred by CDC has ben rejected. The Council hosted an Engage event in September 2009 which brought together homelessness partners in the delivery of homelessness services. The event included a range of capacity-building initiatives and was re-inforced by a number of other training initiatives that were held later during the year. Excellent progress has been made in implementing both the homelessness strategy and the temporary accommodation strategy. The number of households living in temporary accommodation has reduced to 29 which is lower than the Council's target of 33. In addition 17 of the 33 Temporary accommodation units needed have been provided through 4 purpose build flats at Warwick Road Banbury, 2 flats at Merton Street, and 11 acquisition units in Bicester.

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Cherwell Registered Social Landlords Partnership and Sanctuary Housing Group	G	G	<b>CMT Success</b> The 2009/10 workplan for the RSL Development Partnership has been delivered. Key achievements led by the partnership include 196 units of affordable housing delivered; of which 36 units were delivered as part of a rural exception site. Also the group monitored the Council's Affordable Housing and the Recession action plan which has helped ensure a steady supply of affordable housing in difficult times. The partnership has supported the development of the LDF which has included a stakeholder workshop on the financial viability study and the implementation of a financial viability toolkit to ensure more thorough and evidence-based discussions with developers and RSLs in bringing forward new affordable housing.
Cherwell M40 Investment Partnership	G	G	The partnership met twice during the period since December 2009, and was consulted on the Economic Development Strategy, and briefed on the LDF core strategy. It continues to act as a useful sounding board for the Council's promotional activities.
Kidlington Village Centre Management Board	G	G	Attendance at all Board meetings across the year. Consultation on street furniture, parking, pedestrianisation, markets, CCTV, In Bloom.
Banbury Town Centre Partnership	G	G	Attendance at all Partnership meetings during the year. Contribution to events within the year. Consultation with the partnership on markets, parking, car parks.
Bicester Vision	G	G	The partnership has continued to operate effectively, and has held a number of well attended meetings and events. They worked with the Council to make a success of the Bicester Summit in December.
Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership	G	G	The Partnership is being led by Cherwell DC in its first year. Current business involves: agreement with HCA on Local Investment Plan for Oxfordshire local authorities under "single conversation"; Economic Assessment for County; Local Transport Plan 3; Review of South East Plan (single Regional Strategy).