

Oxford Regeneration Framework Report to Oxford Strategic Partnership July 2010

Background

The Regeneration Framework was adopted by Oxford City Council in November 2009 and by the OSP as an addendum to the Sustainable Community Strategy in December 2009. It sets out the regeneration challenges facing the city, and provides a framework for local and regional partners to respond to these challenges, developing a world class city for everyone who lives and works here.

“Everyone” very much includes people in some targeted areas of the city:

- Rose Hill
- Littlemore
- Northfield Brook
- Blackbird Leys
- Barton

As well as focused working within these areas, the Framework looks at the broader development of Oxford, including links to emerging high-tech industries, and the redevelopment of the West End of the city centre for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Delivery structure

Andrew Maliphant was appointed as programme manager for the Framework in March 2010, with a particular focus on the five targeted wards. Partner organisations attend bi-monthly regeneration steering group meetings, between which there are smaller meetings of lead officers for particular parts of the Framework. The next officers’ progress meeting is on July 20th, and there will be a verbal report from there to the Oxford Strategic Partnership meeting on July 22nd. Plans to involve local people more closely in the programme are being developed to start this autumn, and to continue in the longer term.

Progress to date

Attached to this summary is an update report on the current strategies within the Framework, comprising some 80 individual projects or interventions. This report is a working document, and a further update based on the latest feedback from partners is intended to be provided from a central database through a link to both the Oxford and Oxfordshire Partnership websites (as this is a county-wide initiative linked to work in Banbury) at the end of July.

The report uses a “traffic-light” system to indicate whether projects are on track. There is one project currently on “red”, the development of “job brokerage” between people and future job opportunities, which is particularly

important to help people back into employment. Red status will change to amber as soon as a project officer is confirmed for this multi-agency initiative which covers public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

Next steps

Key actions are noted here in relation to the main objectives of the Framework:

- **To reduce inequalities between citizens** – involve local residents in agreeing priorities for themselves and for their neighbourhoods
- **To increase the supply of housing, particularly affordable housing** – continue to work with partners to bring forward the Barton housing development
- **To create places where people wish to live** – work to deliver key services sustainably through local centres
- **To increase skills and promote skills development** – work with Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford & Cherwell Valley College and other partners to identify and provide key training courses
- **To provide sustainable jobs for all through economic growth in central Oxfordshire** – work with Oxfordshire Economic Partnership and the developing Local Enterprise Partnership to identify and encourage future employment opportunities, particularly for residents of the target wards
- **To improve connectivity between employment, housing and those seeking employment** – work with Jobcentre Plus, housing providers, the private sector and other partners to deliver effective job brokerage

The next progress report against the Regeneration Framework will be produced in September 2010. A full update report and presentation will be given to the OSP in early 2011.

Andrew Maliphant, July 2010