

## **Health and Social Inclusion Group Report to Oxford Strategic Partnership October 2009**

### **Background**

The Health and Social Inclusion group has continued to meet quarterly to take forward the strategic priorities set out in “Oxford, A World Class City for Everyone”. The key outcomes in the strategy are:

1. People will live longer and the gap in premature death rates will be reduced. Fewer people will die of preventable diseases and more people will choose healthier lifestyles
2. Child Poverty will be reduced, pre-school children and their families will get a better start in life, and school-age children will live healthier lives
3. Access to training opportunities will improve at all levels, especially in the more deprived areas where income levels are low. A culture of learning will be fostered. More businesses will be set up and people will receive support to set up businesses.

Progress towards these outcomes has been through implementation of an action plan which was drawn up with partners from Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, Healthy Living Partnership, Age Concern, Smoking Advice Service, Citizens’ Advice Bureau and others. The group has been chaired by the OSP Champion, Jackie Wilderspin, and coordinated by Julie Higgs, also from Oxfordshire PCT.

### **Recent Developments**

1. The work to develop the Regeneration Framework for Oxford has been carried out in parallel with the work of the Health and Social Inclusion group, though it has involved many of the same partners. This work has been regularly reported and discussed at the OSP. It has become obvious that the outcomes for the two strands of work are the same so a decision was made to stop the meetings of the Health and Social Inclusion Group and take this work forward through the Regeneration Steering Group. This change will give the work a renewed impetus and higher level strategic involvement while building on the excellent networking and delivery of plans that has been carried out by the Health and Social Inclusion group.
2. The Health and Social Inclusion Group met for the last time in September 2009 and completed a report on the delivery of the action plan. This will be presented at the OSP meeting.
3. Work has been underway to secure funding through the Public Service Board allocation of Local Area Agreement reward grants. This has led to success in securing £1m for taking forward the work to Break the Cycle of Deprivation in the areas of the City and Banbury with worst outcomes. The 5 Chief Executives (of the City, County, Cherwell, PCT and Police) have agreed the way this money will be used, including significant amounts for taking forward the Regeneration Framework in the City.

4. The “5 Chiefs” also agreed that detailed action planning and use of resources would be determined by the Regeneration Steering Group in the City and a similar group in Banbury.

**The Regeneration Steering Group** met for the first time in July 2009. The role of the group as set out in the terms of reference is:

1. To oversee the development and delivery of the Regeneration Framework for Oxford City generally, and in particular the social regeneration aspects of the framework. This is as described in the programme to break the cycle of deprivation in the localities with worst outcomes, more particularly described below.
2. To identify innovative and effective projects aimed at breaking the cycle of deprivation and implement them.
3. To involve members of the public, local elected members, front line workers from statutory and voluntary organisations and other stakeholders in all aspects of the programme. This will be done through a Community Forum and wider Stakeholder Group in each locality.
4. To ensure all projects are evaluated and reported and the learning from this work is disseminated.
5. To support the delivery of improved services on a multi agency basis in the target areas.
6. To ensure adequate and sustained resourcing of the programme by securing funding from partners and from external sources. Partner agencies can expect to move existing resources and seek new resources in order to take this work forward.
7. To resolve conflicts and barriers to the delivery of improved services.

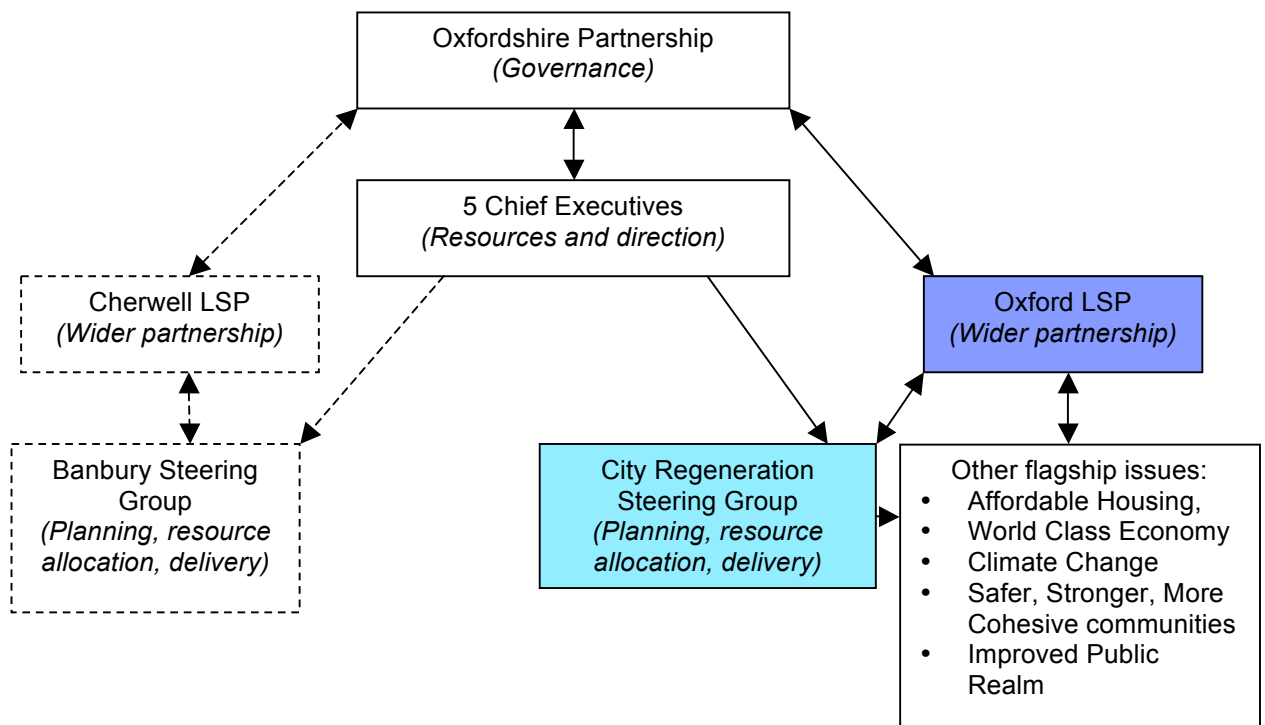
#### **Regeneration Steering Group membership**

- Mel Barrett, Executive Director, Oxford City Council (Chair)
- Cllr Antonia Bance, Lead Member for Social Inclusion and Regeneration
- Nominee of Oxfordshire County Council
- Superintendent Andy Murray, City Commander, Thames Valley Police
- Jackie Wilderspin, Head of Partnerships & Health Inequalities, NHS Oxfordshire
- Alison Baxter, Chief Executive OCVA
- Jan Paine, Children, Young People and Families, Oxfordshire County Council
- Richard Huggins, Assistant Dean, Social Sciences Faculty, Oxford Brookes University
- Graham Stratford, Head of Service, Community Development and Housing
- Angela Cristofoli, Community and Neighbourhoods Manager
- Richard Adams, Community Safety Manager, Oxford City
- Val Johnson, Partnerships Manager, Oxford City Council
- Martin Mumford, Oxford City Homes
- Chair of the Community Forum in each locality
- Other service leads as appropriate, for task and finish.

### Relationship to the Oxford Strategic Partnership

- Jackie Wilderspin will remain the OSP champion for Health and Social Inclusion.
- The work to achieve the outcomes set out in the strategy will be delivered through the work of the Regeneration Steering Group.
- Progress on the action plans will be reported in detail to the OSP along with the other flagship themes, as set out in the forward plan,
- The Regeneration Framework will remain a standing item on the OSP agenda for the foreseeable future because of the cross cutting nature of this work with the other themes.

The governance structure for the Regeneration Steering Group is shown in the diagram below:



Jackie Wilderspin and Julie Higgs, October 2009