

## OSP Review Meeting January 2017

### Attendees

Cllr Price, Anne Gwinnett, Richard Venables, Shelley Ghazi

### Apologies

Sebastian Johnson

Caroline Green

1. Recap on where we are now
2. Debrief on the OSP steering group feedback
3. Discussion on the vision and next steps

### Meeting notes

1. **A brief recap** was given on the process so far and future timescale that was agreed at the last OSP meeting.

2. **Debrief on the OSP steering group feedback**

The group went through the comments from the meeting and discussed it as follows:

- *Regarding raising the profile of the OSP it will be a challenge for the public to be aware of this and does it matter?*

The group agreed that the best way to raise the profile of the OSP would be through the work we do and that a separate publicity process is not required. However, when there is some outcome or process of engagement to promote we will take the opportunity to identify the role that OSP has taken in that initiative.

For example the Smart Oxford competition will make links that it came out of the OSP. We could also log on the OSP website any articles that mention the OSP.

- *What we are trying to tackle is too broad. We have to build something at the end of this, are we trying to be all things to all people?*

We agreed with this and that our aim was to focus our work in areas where we felt we could make a difference. We felt the OSP role could be to initiate and facilitate progress through partnership (where it's difficult for organisations to achieve this on an individual basis). Our role should be identifying key issues at play and where we can work in partnership to have most value.

- *Opportunities around apprenticeships were not missed, much has and is being done. OSP need to work out where the gaps are rather than reinventing the wheel.*

We felt that the OSP sub group Economic Growth and Regeneration were the lead on apprenticeships and it would not be the type of strategic issue the OSP would take on as a theme. It was also felt that apprenticeships are a broader regional and

national issue and that the Skills Board is the appropriate lead. However employment is linked to inequalities, and this is where the OSP should focus its attention.

- *The most potentially important areas are health, lifestyle e.g. obesity, young people, loneliness. How can we have an impact on these?*

Yes this is definitely an area where we want to have an influence.

- *Where we can add value is to know about local inequalities and highlight those to county and/or city, so we can influence other work streams. What is missing is emphasis on inequalities.*

We agreed and yes we want to have an influence here.

- *County Council's work on early intervention is an area the Partnership could get involved with on a strategic level. The early intervention hubs are not yet embedded so the Partnership could have some impact on this. Particularly on young people.*

We agreed that we would like to influence here and that as well as the next OSP meeting focused on Adult Social Care we will be meeting with Joe Kidman to discuss early intervention in its broadest sense.

- *Agreed with focus on early intervention work – how can partners work together on e.g. loneliness?*

See above.

- *Regarding aligning with the local plan, can see why it might be useful however may be occasions where we don't agree*

The Local Plan is essentially a planning document, which the OSP can influence during its development. All partners will have an opportunity to contribute via the consultation in the summer.

- *Challenge to get businesses here*

The group acknowledged that business representation is important. Richard Venables highlighted the business network 'Reciprocate' initiated by Tony Stratton and now managed through Oxfordshire Community Foundation. Richard will be promoting partnerships such as the OSP and hopes that more business will become involved. 60 businesses are now engaged in the network.

- *In terms of our objectives – we should be here to challenge as well.*

The group agreed with this statement, we might not all agree on everything so our role is not to have a unified voice or become a mouthpiece. Where there is agreement we can work together.

- *There are actually 5 local plans relevant to the functioning of the city – how do we, or do we want to, recruit people from outside the city?*

The current view is that we want to keep the OSP focused on the city as that was the aim of the partnership.

- *Can we have an updated ‘state of the city’ report that Mark Fransham produced to gain insights on areas such as poverty / attainment / etc*

This is in hand. The group agreed that we would want to view the document in June, approve in July and present to the OSP in September as part of the re-launch.

In summary the group felt that a revised OSP would be more focused on specific strategic themes, such as loneliness, that went beyond organisational boundaries, and could therefore benefit from a joined up approach. This approach would also rationalise the work of the OSP as it could not be all things to all people.

### **3. Discussion on the vision and next steps**

A draft vision and mission statement was proposed (below). The group wanted to incorporate the unique role of the OSP in this statement (e.g. to facilitate partnership working)

#### Draft Vision and Mission statement

The vision of the OSP is that, through effective collaboration between local agencies and partners, we will have achieved a city and surrounding area where individuals and communities enjoy a good quality of life - environmentally, economically, and socially - and where long standing inequalities have been addressed.

#### Our aims

Initiate and facilitate progress through partnership, where it is difficult to make significant progress as individual organisations.

Identifying key issues at play and where we can work in partnership and add most value.

### **4. Next steps**

- To bring the proposed vision and mission statement to the OSP steering group for feedback.
- Incorporate comments from the OSP Steering Group into the OSP review work.