

**Time’s running out to influence how growth is managed across Oxfordshire – have your say now!**

There are just three weeks left for people in Oxfordshire to give their views on the Oxfordshire Growth Board and help to ensure that growth across the county is managed in the best possible way.

The Oxfordshire Growth Board focuses on strategic planning, economic development and sustainable growth. It is made up of leaders from the county’s district councils, the city council and the county council, along with non-voting members from various partners in the county such as the NHS, Oxford Brookes and Oxford University, the Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP) and the Environment Agency.

By working together, the Board can oversee large-scale projects that benefit communities across the county, while also securing millions of pounds in Government funding to help improve people’s lives.

Individual districts are responsible for their own planning decisions and locations for development through their Local Plan.

People are now being encouraged to complete an online survey which asks for feedback on all aspects of the Growth Board, from how it is perceived, its priorities and membership, to how the board communicates and the format of its meetings.

The responses will be used as part of a review into the Board, which will also include feedback from workshops with district and county councillors as well as key stakeholders and the public.

Cllr Sue Cooper, Chair of the Oxfordshire Growth Board and Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, said: “The Growth Board has been running for five years now, and it’s vital it reflects and responds to the priorities of our residents.

“I encourage everyone to fill out this brief survey looking at the way the Growth Board works and communicates.”

**To find out more and to take part in the survey please visit** [oxfordshiregrowthboard.org](https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org/)**. The closing date for comments is 5pm on 26 November 2019.**

A report with recommendations will be presented to the Board in January.

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