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Dear Susan,

I am writing to you as the current chair of Future Oxfordshire Partnership (FOP).

As the leaders of Oxfordshire's councils, we have collectively agreed that given the Housing and Growth Deal is concluding this is the opportunity to do a comprehensive review of FOP, its remit and its governance.

I welcome the proposed "summit" for us as Leaders of Oxfordshire's councils to discuss the future of FOP on 29 July 2024.

This is an important opportunity for us as councils to determine what the role of FOP should be and to define its role and governance.

Today my Cabinet considered the attached report regarding the future of FOP and Cabinet has requested that the Vale of White Horse District Council has the opportunity to involve as many members as possible in this review and as such officers will be sharing the attached report with our Joint Audit and Governance Committee and our Scrutiny Committee to seek their views. Cabinet have also asked me to write to you as current chair to stress the importance for each council in Oxfordshire to be given the proper time to ensure that they are formally able to consider any proposal for the future of FOP through their own governance process, prior to any consideration by FOP itself.

For the benefit of all our residents it is important that we take time to do so.

Yours sincerely,



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