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Dear Susan,

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

On 27 June 2024, my Cabinet considered the attached report on the review of the future of FOP and resolved “to seek engagement from all councillors on that remit in order to assist the Leader in representing the Council’s views.”

This will enable me, on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council, to fully represent the views of our council at the “summit” for Oxfordshire Leaders on 29 July 2024.

In order to include as many of my council’s members as possible I have asked officers to share the attached Cabinet report with our Joint Audit and Governance Committee and our Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet also agreed that I should write to you as chair designate 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. As FOP members, none of us has yet seen the proposal which is to be put to the summit.

This is an important time to ensure we undertake a full review of FOP’s structure, governance, and purpose to achieve the best outcome for each of our councils and our residents. I realise that an incoming government may have its own ideas about local government but I don’t think that we should act based on our own assumptions of what these might be.

Yours sincerely



Cllr David Rouane
Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council