

OXFORD CITY CANAL PARTNERSHIP

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Purpose

The Partnership aims to:

- bring together principal stakeholders with an interest in the Oxford Canal within the boundary of the City of Oxford
- promote a vision for the Canal as an attraction and destination, an environmental resource, a focus for the community and a contributor to the economic life in the city
- work to develop a Strategic Plan for the Canal that links with relevant policies for the City and specifically addresses
 - management of the environment and heritage
 - access and community safety
 - opportunities for education and learning
 - appropriate developments to improve the economic sustainability of the Canal and to contribute to the local economy
 - marketing and promotion of the Canal
- seek funds to implement that Plan, and for improvements to the Canal in the context of that Plan

2. Membership

2.1 The Partnership will initially consist of representatives from:

British Waterways
Environment Agency
Foxcan
IWA
Jericho Community Association
Jericho Community Boatyard
Jericho Living Heritage Trust
North Oxford Angling Society
Oxfordshire County Council
Oxford City Council
Oxford Civic Society
Oxford Preservation Trust
St Edward's School
The Waterways Trust
Worcester College, Oxford

Observers may attend meetings by agreement and their organisations may become full members subject to 2.2 below.

2.2 Membership of the Partnership shall be subject to annual review at the first meeting of the Board in any calendar year. Changes in

membership require a 2/3rds majority vote of those organisations present.

2.3 Each organisation will nominate one representative to vote at the meetings.

3. Organisation

3.1 The Partnership will meet quarterly, or more frequently as agreed.

3.2 The quorum will be 6 members, to include The Waterways Trust, British Waterways, a representative of the City Council and County Council plus 2 other members.

3.3 The Partnership will be convened and chaired during 2009 by The Waterways Trust. Thereafter, elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the first meeting of the Partnership in any calendar year.

3.4 The Chair will preside at all meetings. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair from a meeting, one of the members present shall be elected Chair for that meeting.

3.5 The business of the Partnership will, as far as possible, be conducted by consensus of those present. If necessary, decisions will be made by simple majority vote. Each organisation shall have one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chair will have a casting vote.

3.6 Meetings of the Partnership will be convened by the Chair, who will also approve the agendas and minutes.

4. Administration

4.1 The Partnership will make arrangements as necessary to provide secretarial and administrative support. Such cost may be funded from the Project finances.

5. Variation

5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding may be altered by the Partnership subject to a 2/3rds majority vote of those organisations present.

6. No Legal Partnership

6.1 This is a voluntary arrangement that exists to promote collaboration between the organisations represented as set out in the purposes above.

6.2 Nothing in this document is intended to create any legally binding relationship among the parties nor a Partnership in law.

Signed for and on behalf of:

British Waterways..... Date

Environment Agency Date

Foxcan..... Date

IWA Date

Jericho Community Association..... Date

Jericho Community Boatyard..... Date

Jericho Living Heritage Trust..... Date

Oxford City Council..... Date

Oxford Civic Society..... Date

Oxford Preservation Trust Date

Oxfordshire County Council..... Date

The Waterways Trust..... Date

Worcester College, Oxford..... Date

St Edward's School, Oxford Date

North Oxford Angling Society Date