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Leadership Gloucestershire

Tuesday 26 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

Virtual – via Teams



AGENDA

1	WELCOME	Cllr Mark Hawthorne
2	ACTION NOTES (Pages 1 - 6)	Cllr Mark Hawthorne
3	<p>LGA PLANNED WHITE PAPER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER</p> <p>The LGA has begun work to develop firm proposals for a Local Government White Paper to be published before the next election.</p> <p>Cllr Shaun Davies, in his first speech as LGA Chair, set out an ambition to develop a plan for the first King's Speech after the general election to secure a central-local partnership in which local government can work to its full potential for our people, our places and our planet.</p> <p>The LGA has agreed to consult with its member councils, professional associations, stakeholders and the public in the autumn to inform the White Paper.</p> <p>The work will be underpinned by the LGA's Make It Local campaign, which outlines how local government is key to delivering solutions to the biggest issues for the public.</p> <p><u>Make It Local Local Government Association</u></p> <p>In our session with you we would like to focus on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How can fully empowered local government lead	Ian Hughes

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4	ECONOMIC GROWTH UPDATE	
	a) COUNTY DEAL	Pete Bungard
	b) CITY REGION BOARD UPDATE	Gareth Edmundson
	c) WESTERN GATEWAY	Pete Bungard
	d) SEVERN ESTUARY	Pete Bungard
	e) LOCAL PLANS	All
5	ONE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ICS	Mary Hutton
6	NEXT MEETINGS 5 December 2023 – 10am 5 March 2024 – 10am 18 June 2024 – 10am 24 September 2024 – 10am 10 December 2024 – 10am	



Leadership Gloucestershire – 20 June 2023

Council Chamber, Shire Hall

1 Welcome, introduction and apologies

Name	Organisation	Apologies
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Pete Bungard Siobhan Farmer Colin Chick Jason Humm	Gloucestershire County Council	
Cllr Catherine Braun Andrew Cummings	Stroud District Council	Kathy O'Leary
Cllr Richard Cook Jon McGinty	Gloucester City Council	
Cllr Andy Moore Cllr Jackie Fraser Andrew Grant	Forest of Dean District Council	Cllr Mark Topping Andrew Knott
Cllr Rowena Hay Gareth Edmundson	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Cllr Mike Emery Rob Weaver	Cotswold District Council	Cllr Joe Harris
Cllr Richard Stanley Peter Tonge	Tewkesbury Borough Council	Alistair Cunningham
Dr Andy Seymour Gill Morgan	NHS Gloucestershire	Mary Hutton
Ruth Dooley	GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	

2 ACTION NOTES

The notes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023 were noted and agreed. A query was made on the action from the last meeting provided more information on the impact of long covid. This would be followed up.

ACTION – Siobhan Farmer

3 INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Siobhan Farmer and Peter Tonge provided an update to the group. Oversight was provided on the current main schemes in Gloucestershire which involved c. 1700 people not including unaccompanied children. Funding for the schemes was explained, with it emphasised that funding differed per scheme.

The hotel scheme was technically non-funded. It should be self-sustaining with funding and commissioning from the home office but there was a lot of wrap-around support that needed to be provided.

There was a clear direction from HM Government of the need to move all asylum seekers and Afghan refugees out of hotels into dispersal accommodation as part of the National Dispersal Plan. The funding for the scheme was complex.

There was a discussion around the issues and challenges. The Strategic Migration Partnership was in place to consider these. It was noted that housing was a significant part of this but there were other factors to consider. There were issues around the longer-term sustainability around commissioning with it noted the strong work carried out by GARAS. There were challenges around longer-term accommodation and the impact on the overall housing market.

In the discussion it was emphasised that there was a need to also focus on the positives of migration and as part of refugee week acknowledging the contributions of refugees.

A request was made for details of the number of Homes for Ukraine individuals ending up on the homelessness list. It was recognised that the role of sponsors had helped individuals find work and that the County was one of the few who did significant amounts of rematching.

There were regular MP briefings as part of the Integrated Care System arrangements and this was a place where issues around this could be escalated.

A huge amount of work was being carried out by officers in a challenging environment. Leadership Gloucestershire would continue to be update on these issues going forward.

4. ECONOMIC GROWTH UPDATE

4.1 Levelling-up, County Deals and Investment Zones

Pete Bungard provided the update in relation to County Deals. In January an expression of interest had been submitted. Nothing had come of that at this stage and it was unlikely to see movement before a general election.

No further update on Investment Zones.

4.2 City Region Board Update

Gareth Edmundson gave a brief update on the governance arrangement proposals for the Gloucestershire City Region Board and on the transition of responsibility and conclusion of the Joint Economic Growth Committee. Post district elections, work was being carried out to set up the documents to underpin the City Region Board which would need to be ratified by the relevant councils. The aim was to strengthen the decision making process around SEDEF.

There would be a senior officer group at the end of the month and at that stage it would likely be clearer on what projects were in the pipeline.

The timing of the transition process should work in order to allow councils to have ratification in the September/ October window. No formal change in principles at this stage,

A request was made to recirculate the papers around this to the group.

ACTION Gareth Edmundson

4.3 Western Gateway

Pete Bungard gave an update on the Western Gateway Partnership. The partnership was starting the recruitment process for a new chair. In addition it

was working on net zero strategy and were strong allies in seeing a successful cyber cluster in the County with links to wider communication sector.

The new development of the giga factory in bridgewater was noted..

The Partnership was working on the strategic rail agenda, with an all party parliamentary group in July on that area.

An update was provided on the Hydrogen conference held on 9 June at Newport. It was outlined the role hydrogen could play in moving to net zero and the challenges involved. It was noted that 85% of UK homes have a gas supply, net zero wasn't possible unless most of those changed. There was some discussion around Heavy Goods Vehicles where hydrogen was seen as more viable. It was highlighted that a distribution network was required. In response to questions it was explained that rather than funding, it was a UK strategy that was missing in order to indicate how to progress beyond the research.

It was mentioned that Climate leadership Gloucestershire is looking at energy as one of its themes and was looking to renew the wider energy stakeholder group. The energy strategy needed to be reviewed in light of the Western Gateway work.

The group was updated on the British Business Bank launching its South west Investment fund which was a £200m fund across the South West. The roadshow for the Bristol area was on 7 July.

5 SEVERN ESTUARY STEERING GROUP

Pete Bungard updated on the independent commission. It was explained that the group had just recruited WSP as their consultants on a three month evidence gathering session. The appointment of a chair to the commission hadn't been carried out yet.

It was suggested that WSP be invited to the September meeting to update on their work.

ACTION	Democratic Services
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6 HEALTH UPDATE

a) One Gloucestershire - Integrated Care System

Dr Andy Seymour and Siobhan Farmer gave an update on the One Gloucestershire NHS Integrated Care System, including establishment of the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

The presentation outlined the background to the partnership and the alignment of the Health and Wellbeing Board as well as the work around developing the Integrated Care Strategy.

Three exemplar themes were given on employment, smoking and blood pressure.

Pharmacy, Optometry and dentistry update was provided with it noted that groups were established such as a Dental Strategy Group in response to delegated commissioning of primary, community and acute dental services from April 2023. Work was underway on local implementation of the delivery plan for recovering access to primary care.

Delegation of optical services from April 2023 had led to work building on the integrated work already in place. The Gloucestershire Eye Health Strategy had been refreshed during 2021.

There was a discussion around health inequalities, particularly in relation to refugees and asylum seekers. Two specific nurses were appointed to work closely with the partnership, particularly outreach work for vaccination.

In relation to contractual issues for dentists, an example was given on the local provider employing dentists directly. A strategy was being developed and this was something that would be considered.

Work arounds to deal with contract issues, local provider employee dentists directly to provide nhs services. Are we looking at that? Just developing strategy and that would be considered.

Adverse childhood experiences was recognised in the strategy – now moving towards trauma informed practice, consequences into adult life. Currently looking to think about the direction of travel in context of a system wide approach. Work was underway to map out what work is underway across Gloucestershire.

One member raised concerns around the work to find foster carers.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 26 September at 2pm

Tuesday 5 December at 10am