



**Leadership Gloucestershire – 20 June 2019**

**Municipal Offices, Cheltenham**

**1 Welcome, introduction and apologies**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Apologies</i>
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Pete Bungard Jane Burns	Gloucestershire County Council	
Doina Cornell	Stroud District Council	Kathy O'Leary
Cllr Richard Cook Anna Brinkoff	Gloucester City Council	Cllr Paul James Jon McGinty
Cllr Tim Gwilliam	Forest of Dean District Council	Pete Williams
Cllr Steve Jordan Pat Pratley	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Cllr Joe Harris Nigel Adams	Cotswold District Council	
Cllr Rob Bird Mike Dawson	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
Chris Brierley	Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	PCC Martin Surl Paul Trott
Craig Holden	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Rod Hansen
Mark Walkinshaw	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Dr Andy Seymour Mary Hutton
David Owen	GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Diane Savory
Oliver Hindle	Area Lead for Gloucestershire, Cities and Local Growth Unit	
Simon Harper	Gloucestershire County Council	
Simon Roberts	For Gloucestershire Energy Strategy	
Mark Edwards	Work experience student, GFirst LEP	

## **2 Action notes**

The notes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 were agreed.

## **3 Cheltenham Borough Council**

Cllr Steve Jordan and Pat Pratley welcomed LG partners to the Municipal Offices in Cheltenham.

The strong partnership arrangements across Gloucestershire and the positive way that LG partners worked together were critical for Cheltenham in realising its ambitions for the future. The local economy supported 72,000 jobs with 11,000 new homes and 55 hectares of employment land required by 2031.

The town was well known for its festivals with 250,000 people visiting four events in the town each year and a further 250,000 people attending the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Although the town was regarded as prosperous, some areas fell within 10% of the nation's most deprived communities. The annual economic growth rate of 0.7% lagged behind the national rate of 1.9%.

Cheltenham BC's corporate plan principles were ensuring inclusive growth, being commercially focused, making data driven decisions, developing strategic partnerships, encouraging collaboration and investing in its staff.

The focus was on Cheltenham being a place where all people and the communities they live in thrive, where culture and creativity thrives and where business and their workforces thrive.

Detailed information was presented on the Cheltenham Place Vision which included making Cheltenham the cyber capital of the UK, a £100 million housing investment plan, children and families as part of the 'no child left behind' initiative, Visit Cheltenham 'the festival town', improving the transport infrastructure and responding to climate change.

## **4 One Place – developing our local NHS Long Term Plan**

Mark Walkingshaw from Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) presented information on the One Place process and timetable for engagement. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be circulated with the meeting notes.

It was a place based approach which focused on:

- Hospital centres of excellence in Gloucester and Cheltenham
- Same day urgent care including clinical advice and assessment service
- Local urgent care offers which included but were not limited to urgent treatment centres.

General engagement would take place between July and September 2019 with co-development workshops held at the same time. Formal consultation with the public and staff would happen between December 2019 and February 2020. Citizen juries would be held before and after the formal consultation.

Health scrutiny involving county and district members was recognised as a key part of the engagement process and the committee would be updated throughout.

Implementation would be phased and it was likely that this would begin in Summer 2020.

**Action – Mark Walkingshaw**

**5 GFirst LEP – Sustainable Energy Strategy**

David Owen invited Simon Roberts to present the Gloucestershire Sustainable Energy Strategy. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be circulated with the meeting notes.

Gloucestershire spent £1 billion on electricity, gas, coal, oil, petrol and diesel, of which 85% was fossil fuel, with nearly all of the money going out of the county. A number of homes in the rural parts of the county, particularly in the Forest of Dean and Cotswold areas, were not connected to the gas network, which might provide opportunities in the future.

The strategic ambition for Gloucestershire was to be carbon-neutral by 2050 with 9 key building blocks and one over-arching commitment. County-wide leadership was required to ensure that the public were properly engaged in the process. Stronger planning policies, including building regulations, were needed for renewables to promote smart, zero carbon development. A charging infrastructure needed to be rolled out to allow people to make the change to electric vehicles. An overarching policy should put the impact on the climate at the heart of every organisation's decision making process.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne believed that it was important to differentiate between what could be done locally and what areas required national action where further lobbying was needed. He recognised that it would be useful to undertake a 'stock check' of the actions that partners had already taken and their plans for the future.

Mike Dawson advised that the senior officer group for the Economic Growth Joint Committee was already carrying out a review of the declarations and actions of each local authority. Barry Wyatt from Stroud DC was preparing a report on the collective position of the local authorities and LG members requested that this be brought to a future meeting. Mike also noted that the Chief Executives' Group was looking at how local authorities could work together to develop common approaches and share resources.

**Action – Mike Dawson (to inform Barry Wyatt)**

Cllr Mark Hawthorne stated that historically Public Sector Gloucestershire was good at writing strategies but it now needed to focus on policies that would deliver real change. The County Council intended to publish its climate

change strategy in November 2019. If everyone was producing their own strategies then it was important that they dove-tailed and did not contradict each other.

Simon Roberts said that a roadmap was needed which broke down the county-wide strategy into small steps that were manageable.

Cllr Hawthorne thanked Simon for his informative presentation.

## **6 Gloucestershire Vision 2050 Boards**

Mike Dawson presented a report setting out the draft terms of reference for the Central Gloucestershire Board which covered Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury. A suggested list of partners was included but there was no reason why that could not be adjusted in future. It was noted that the board would not have a monitoring role around the implementation of local plans.

The Central Gloucestershire Board, in common with the other Vision 2050 boards, was a partnership body with no formal decision making powers. It was agreed that the board should be established on a shadow basis to allow a meeting to be organised at the earliest opportunity. Once the first meeting had been held, it would be up to each council to determine their formal sign-off process. For some authorities that might involve all members at a full council meeting.

***Action – Mike Dawson***

In terms of the name of the board, Cllr Rob Bird believed that Tewkesbury BC members were now likely to be comfortable with the use of the term 'City Region'. He recognised that it was a term used by the Government to identify an economic area but was not a widely used term by the public.

Referring to the Severn Vale Board, Cllr Doina Cornell and Cllr Tim Gwilliam stated that a meeting between representatives from Stroud DC and Forest of Dean DC would be held on 12 July 2019 to discuss the best way forward. A report on progress would be presented to the next meeting.

***Action – Kathy O'Leary and Pete Williams***

A meeting to develop proposals for the Rural Ambitions Board would be held immediately following Leadership Gloucestershire that day. A report on progress would be presented to the next meeting.

***Action – Rob Weaver***

Cllr Hawthorne acknowledged the need for resources to be identified to support each board. He accepted that it was unfair to 'tag' roles onto the jobs of senior officers.

## 7 Great Western Powerhouse

Cllr Hawthorne reported that the County Council had been invited to a meeting on 16 May 2019 about the potential for Gloucestershire to join an expanded Great Western Powerhouse. The original proposal focused on the east-west links from the Bristol region across the Bristol Channel to Newport, Cardiff and Swansea. The new proposal provided a north-south link with Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire. An expanded Great Western Powerhouse would counter-balance the scope and scale of the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine.

An event was taking place on 24 June 2019 involving local authority representatives when the case would be made for the scale and size of the Great Western Powerhouse as an economic region. Consultancy firm Metro-Dynamics had been involved in developing the original proposal and they were now developing the case for an expanded area. The original narrative supporting the inclusion of Gloucestershire failed to recognise the economic potential of the Gloucester-Cheltenham 'City Region' with a population of 500,000 people. This had now been addressed and the case for Gloucestershire as part of the Great Western Powerhouse had been strengthened.

A launch event hosted by Lord Kerslake would be held in the House of Lords on 8 July 2019. It was hoped that there would be a good representation from LG partners.

LG partners were enthusiastic about the proposals and they supported further discussions at both a regional and national level. There looked to be benefits for Gloucestershire and for the wider region of providing a north-south link to the Midlands Engine. Opportunities included potential for another river crossing and unlocking rail investment. Some concern was expressed, however, about the lack of wider engagement with the District Councils in Gloucestershire. If the new arrangements could be agreed quickly then the Great Western Powerhouse would be well placed to access Government funding opportunities which might emerge later in the year.

Cllr Hawthorne stated that he would endeavour to circulate the information provided at the engagement meeting on 24 June 2019. A progress report would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action – Cllr Mark Hawthorne and Jane Burns**

## 8 Future meetings and work programme

The work plan was noted

25 July 2019 – Shire Hall

10 October 2019 – Police Headquarters, Waterwells

19 December 2019 – Shire Hall