



Leadership Gloucestershire – 17 June 2021

Remote meeting via GCC WebEx

1 Welcome, introduction and apologies

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Apologies</i>
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Pete Bungard	Gloucestershire County Council	
Cllr Catherine Braun Kathy O'Leary	Stroud District Council	Cllr Doina Cornell
Cllr Richard Cook Anne Brinkhoff	Gloucester City Council	Jon McGinty
Cllr Tim Gwilliam Pete Williams	Forest of Dean District Council	
Cllr Rowena Hay Darren Knight	Cheltenham Borough Council	Gareth Edmundsen
Cllr Joe Harris Rob Weaver	Cotswold District Council	
Cllr Rob Bird Mike Dawson	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
PCC Chris Nelson Richard Bradley	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	
	Gloucestershire Constabulary	CC Rod Hansen
Mark Walkinshaw	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	Dr Andy Seymour Mary Hutton
David Owen	GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Diane Savory
Anwen Jones	Area Lead for Gloucestershire, Cities and Local Growth Unit	
Sarah Scott Simon Harper	Gloucestershire County Council	

1 Action notes

The notes of the meeting held on 4 March 2021 were agreed.

2 Elections

2.1 Local government

The local election results across the county were noted. Cllr Mark Hawthorne thanked the staff who had been involved in running the elections. He noted the work associated with Covid-safe elections along with the added complexity of holding a number of elections on the same day.

2.2 Police and Crime Commissioner

The new Police and Crime Commissioner, Chris Nelson, believed that the result gave him a strong mandate to deliver the manifesto that he had published ahead of the election. He set out his 'public health' approach to policing. Three hundred more Police Officers and 150 Special Constables would help tackle his priorities which included anti-social behavior, 101 response times and rural crime. He said that he was keen to work with colleagues across the public sector and would be looking for opportunities to bid for government funding through initiatives such as 'Safer Streets'. He would be holding roadshows in the Autumn and seeking views on his new Police and Crime Plan.

3 COVID-19

Sarah Scott provided an update on the latest position, including the Delta variant which was now the predominant Covid strain in Gloucestershire. The GCC Public Health Team was working closely with colleagues in the NHS and District Councils. The message was still 'hands, face, space' with people being encouraged to get vaccinated. She undertook to provide Cllr Tim Gwilliam with more information on the guidance being given to schools.

Action – Sarah Scott

Mark Walkinshaw said that the rising number of Covid cases was not having a big impact on hospital admissions. Gloucestershire was at the top of national league tables for vaccination roll-out with a good take-up of vaccines amongst younger people aged 18 and over.

4 Western Gateway

Pete Bungard advised that three business representatives had been appointed and a recruitment process was underway to appoint a director. Stage 2 of the economic review by Deloittes would prepare the ground for a bid to be submitted as part of the Government's Autumn spending review. This would set out a five year activity plan, address the levelling up agenda and provide

sector highlights. There were four work streams: Innovation, Connectivity, Global Economy and Net Zero. A free port proposal was likely for South Wales. The Berkeley and Oldbury Fusion Project had made it to the next round, although the national list of potential projects for funding remained long.

5 Gloucestershire City Region Board

Mike Dawson explained that the Chief Officers' Group was currently looking at economic growth governance in the county including the related officer groups. A paper would be presented at the next meeting to consider the best way forward.

Action – Mike Dawson

6 Integrated Care System (ICS)

Mark Walkinshaw provided information on the transition to the new statutory ICS which was due to be implemented by April 2022. Local work streams had been established to lead on particular areas. The ICS design framework had been published which described the system including governance and management. Appointments would be made to designate positions for the new chair and chief executive in the next three months.

7 2021 meetings

Virtual meetings through GCC WebEx unless advised otherwise:

Thursday, 30 September at 10am

Thursday, 2 December at 10am

8 Additional items

8.1 City of Culture

Cllr Richard Cook provided information on the bidding process for the City of Culture 2025. The Government had changed the rules so for the first time groups of towns could come together to make a bid. He believed that there might be an opportunity to make a submission on behalf of Gloucestershire as a whole. The Gloucester Rural Culture Trust could pull together an expression of interest at no cost to partners using funding from Government. He noted the experience of Hull with significant benefits to residents and the local economy.

There was general support amongst partners although they requested more information before making a firm commitment.

Anne Brinkhoff undertook to provide a briefing note to partners along with the national guidance and timeline. It was noted that the Chief Officers' Group could coordinate activities to allow an initial expression of interest to be submitted.

Action – Anne Brinkhoff

8.2 British Forces Afghan resettlement

Around 30 Afghans who had worked with British Forces were expected in Gloucestershire. The level of support was likely to be less intense than with the Syrian refugee resettlement and housing was the priority.

Partners were keen to provide whatever support was necessary. The county-wide Strategic Housing Partnership chaired by Anne Brinkhoff would coordinate activities.

Action – Anne Brinkhoff