



Leadership Gloucestershire – 10 December 2020

Remote meeting via GCC WebEx

1 Welcome, introduction and apologies

Name	Organisation	Apologies
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Pete Bungard	Gloucestershire County Council	
Cllr Doina Cornell Kathy O'Leary	Stroud District Council	
Cllr Richard Cook Jon McGinty	Gloucester City Council	
Cllr Tim Gwilliam Pete Williams	Forest of Dean District Council	
Cllr Rowena Hay Gareth Edmundson	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Cllr Joe Harris Christine Gore	Cotswold District Council	
Cllr Rob Bird Mike Dawson	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
PCC Martin Surl	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	Richard Bradley
	Gloucestershire Constabulary	CC Rod Hansen
Dr Andy Seymour Mary Hutton	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	
David Owen	GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Diane Savory
Karen Leigh	Area Lead for Gloucestershire, Cities and Local Growth Unit	
Sarah Scott Simon Harper	Gloucestershire County Council	

Cllr Mark Hawthorne welcomed Cllr Rowena Hay, new Leader of Cheltenham BC, to her first meeting of Leadership Gloucestershire.

1 Action notes

The notes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 were agreed.

2 COVID-19

Sarah Scott, Director of Public Health, stated that the latest average across Gloucestershire was 96.6 cases per 100,000 people. Although there had been a 14% drop in cases in the last week, there had been an increase in the number of deaths and there was growing pressure on the acute hospitals. As of 9 December 2020, there were 166 Covid cases in acute hospitals. The introduction of lateral flow testing in the hospitals allowed cases to be identified more quickly.

The impact of the second lockdown was being seen in a lower number of cases but there was a risk cases would start to rise with a relaxation of restrictions around Christmas.

There had been a pilot lateral flow testing programme at the Royal Agriculture University in Cirencester. Six hundred tests had been undertaken with no positive cases identified.

Vaccinations had started at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital on Tuesday 8 December 2020. As of Wednesday 9 December, 234 people had been vaccinated including a number of care workers.

Dr Andy Seymour stated that from Wednesday 16 December the community vaccination programme would start at five sites in the county. A further five sites would come online shortly afterwards.

Cllr Hawthorne noted that a meeting of the Gloucestershire Covid-19 Outbreak Engagement Board would be held at 1pm the following day, Friday 11 December 2020. This would provide an opportunity for a more detailed update on the current position and future plans.

3 Western Gateway

Pete Bungard advised that the secretariat was being run by South Gloucestershire Council and policy posts were provided through Bristol City Council and Newport City Council. The lead local authority chief executive was Will Godfrey from Bath and North East Somerset Council.

After extensive lobbying, it had been agreed that the membership of the main partnership board would include one district council representative from Gloucestershire as the only two tier area within the Western Gateway.

Deloitte were leading on governance and undertaking work relating to economic themes and learning from other UK powerhouses. Speculative bids were being made to the Government on digital and technical areas.

David Owen advised that GFirst LEP had been closely involved in an area-wide project relating to innovation.

A briefing for partnership members was due to be held on Monday 14 December 2020.

4 Gloucestershire City Region Board

Mike Dawson reported that the City Region Board had met for the first time on 17 November 2020. The terms of reference had been agreed and presentations had been made around the growth agenda for Gloucestershire. There was recognition that everyone needed to pull together for the benefit of the whole county. It was hoped that the value of the activities of the Rural Ambition Board could be incorporated within the activities of the City Region Board.

Work was starting on a prospectus to promote the City Region Board and a bid would be made for £50,000 from the Economic Growth Fund. An action plan for the board would be presented to the next meeting.

Administrative support to the board would be provided through the County Council's Democratic Services team.

5 One Gloucestershire – Integrated Care System (ICS)

Mary Hutton advised that a national engagement process had been launched setting out proposed legislative changes to how Integrated Care Systems could be formally established across England. The deadline for responses was 8 January 2021.

Leadership Gloucestershire partners were anxious that a response was sent on their behalf highlighting the following key issues:

- Recognising the value of the 'place' based approach and supporting the current geography of the current One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System.
- Gloucestershire enjoys coterminous boundaries across major public service providers allowing strong partnership working. This should be retained including the strong joint commissioning approach.
- Retaining democratic accountability for local authority services

6 2021 meetings

Thursday, 4 March at 10am

Thursday, 17 June at 2pm (note change of time)

Thursday, 30 September at 10am

Thursday, 2 December at 10am

Meetings will be held virtually via GCC WebEx until advised otherwise.

7 Additional items

7.1 Homelessness provision

Jon McGinty noted that the Central Hotel in Gloucester had been block booked until 22 January 2021 to provide a central facility for accommodating homeless people. It was costing £10,000 each week and most of the rooms were empty.

District Chief Executives and Heads of Paid Service were comfortable with ending the block booking to allow individual districts to make their own arrangements locally.

It was noted that the number of rough sleepers had been reduced to just 20 in the county and there was a better understanding of the needs of homeless people in each district.

Mary Hutton asked to be involved in the discussion on the arrangements in each district. Jon agreed to include her in the homelessness oversight group.
Action – Jon McGinty

Mike Dawson said that work was ongoing with the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government (MCHLG) to extend the current rough sleeping project. He noted that new accommodation units were coming online in the early part of the New Year.