



Leadership Gloucestershire – 28 February 2019

Shire Hall, Gloucester

1 Welcome, introduction and apologies

Name	Organisation	Apologies
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Jane Burns	Gloucestershire County Council	Pete Bungard
Doina Cornell Kathy O'Leary	Stroud District Council	
Cllr Paul James Jon McGinty	Gloucester City Council	
Cllr Tim Gwilliam Pete Williams	Forest of Dean District Council	
Cllr Steve Jordan Pat Pratley	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Cllr Tony Bury Cllr Chris Hancock Christine Gore	Cotswold District Council	
Cllr Rob Bird Mike Dawson Rob Weaver	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
PCC Martin Surl	Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)	Paul Trott
John Stratford	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Rod Hansen
Dr Andy Seymour Mary Hutton	NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	
David Owen	GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Diane Savory Adam Starkey
Katie Jenkins	Area Lead for Gloucestershire, Cities and Local Growth Unit	
Simon Harper	Gloucestershire County Council	

Cllr Mark Hawthorne noted that it was the last meeting that Cllr Chris Hancock from Cotswold DC would be attending as he was standing down as a District Councillor in May 2019. Leadership Gloucestershire partners thanked Chris for his contribution to meetings over a number of years and they wished him well for the future.

2 Action notes

The notes of the meeting held on 11 October 2018 were agreed.

3 Vision 2050 – Mapping partnership governance

Jon McGinty presented the report which provided an update on the work that had been undertaken in mapping the current partnership governance arrangements around the eight priority themes for Vision 2050:

- An inclusive county
- A magnet county
- An innovative county
- A skilled county
- A prosperous county
- A healthy, happy and safe county
- A connected county
- A sustainable county

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that:

- a) Leadership Gloucestershire will take a lead strategic role and be the holder of the ring for the Vision 2050 Programme.
- b) Where it is clear that there is a lead organisation for a particular ambition then they should come back to Leadership Gloucestershire with their priorities. This should include details of how the young persons' voice would be taken account of.
- c) GFirst LEP agreed to look at a magnet, an innovative, a skilled and a prosperous county in the first instance.
- d) Leadership Gloucestershire will take a coordinating role where it is not clear who should lead in a particular area.
- e) To consider how spatial planning, the Sub-regional Transport Body and the Gloucestershire Sustainable Energy Strategy fitted into the Vision 2050 Programme.
- f) It was too early to consider what the formal scrutiny process will look like. The County Council's Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee with co-opted District Council representatives is well placed to take this forward at an appropriate time.

Action – Leadership Gloucestershire partners

4 Vision 2050 – Scoping the Delivery Boards

4.1 Central Gloucestershire

Mike Dawson introduced the report which set out a broad vision for a Central Gloucestershire Board representing Gloucester City and Cheltenham Borough together with the related urban and rural hinterland covered by Tewkesbury Borough. He said that there was more work to be undertaken in working up

the detailed terms of reference and governance arrangements. This would involve working closely with a wider group of partners.

There was support amongst Leadership Gloucestershire partners for the approach suggested as it demonstrated a level of ambition that was critical to the success of the Vision 2050 Programme.

Action – Mike Dawson

4.2 Severn Vale

Kathy O’Leary and Pete Williams introduced the report setting out the proposals for the Severn Vale which covered Stroud DC and Forest of Dean DC. They explained that it was intended to utilise existing structures around the Stroud Local Strategic Partnership and the Forest Economic Partnership.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne expressed some concern that the ambition for a third Severn road crossing identified during the Vision 2050 consultation already appeared to have been dismissed. He believed that a more ambitious joined-up approach was required taking account of development links with South Gloucestershire, M5 Junction 14 upgrade, the removal of tolls on the existing Severn crossings, the Chepstow bypass and M4/M48 link to South Wales.

David Owen noted that GFirst LEP was having conversations regarding economic growth opportunities in the Bristol region and South Wales which could feed into the wider process.

It was agreed that further conversations would be held with a view to reporting back to Leadership Gloucestershire on progress. It was suggested that Mike Dawson provide some support based on the work that he had undertaken in developing the Central Gloucestershire proposals.

Action – Kathy O’Leary, Pete Williams and Mike Dawson

4.3 Rural Ambitions

Rob Weaver introduced the report which not only covered the Cotswold DC area but also set out a set of principles for the whole of rural Gloucestershire.

Leadership Gloucestershire partners supported the approach, noting the importance of particular issues including rural crime, Fastershire broadband and 5G connectivity. It was recognised that the key challenge was balancing protection of the countryside with developing rural infrastructure. With the right approach there was potential to access significant funding from Central Government.

Action – Rob Weaver

4.4 Next steps

Cllr Hawthorne recognised that resources were limited and additional funding was required to take the Vision 2050 ambitions forward. He said that he was

in discussion with senior officers at the County Council to see if there was a way to allow up to £1 million from the Business Rate Retention Pilot pot to be released over four years.

It was agreed that progress reports with implementation timetables would be brought back to Leadership Gloucestershire on either 20 June or 25 July 2019 with a view to new arrangements being introduced from September 2019.

Action – Leadership Gloucestershire partners

5 GFirst LEP

In presenting two reports on GFirst LEP, David Owen advised that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was the prize for producing a good Local Industrial Strategy and completing an effective review of the LEP.

The Local Industrial Strategy needed to be co-produced with a wide group of Government departments. A great deal of work had been undertaken in collecting evidence to support the ambitions in the strategy. The LEP would be working closely with Leadership Gloucestershire partners and other organisations in developing the local strategy. Katie Jenkins from the Cities and Local Growth Unit had been seconded for 12 months to lead on developing the Gloucestershire Local Industrial Strategy.

Referring to the LEP review, GFirst LEP was already complying with most of the requirements laid down by Central Government and had been able to put forward a strong case for retaining an LEP based on the county's boundaries.

Leadership Gloucestershire partners recognised the close links between the Local Industrial Strategy and the ambitions for Vision 2050.

6 Integrated Care System

Mary Hutton briefly outlined progress with the Integrated Care System. In light of the length of the meeting, it was agreed that Mary would make a more detailed presentation at the next meeting when it was likely that the position would be clearer in a number of areas. This would be considered as the first item on the agenda for the meeting on 20 June 2019.

Action – Mary Hutton and Jane Burns

7 Future meetings and work programme

20 June 2019 – Municipal Offices, Cheltenham

25 July 2019 – Shire Hall, Gloucester

10 October 2019 – Gloucestershire Constabulary, Waterwells

19 December 2019 – Shire Hall, Gloucester