



Agenda Item 2 (a)
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Date: Thursday 26 September 2013
Venue: Members' Room

Notes of the meeting of Leadership Gloucestershire held on
2 August 2013

1. **Welcome, introduction and apologies.**

Name	Organisation	Substitute
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair)	Gloucestershire County Council	
Cllr Carole Topple	Cotswold District Council	
Cllr Geoff Wheeler	Stroud District Council	
Cllr Paul James	Gloucester City Council	
Cllr Patrick Molyneux	Forest of Dean District Council	
Cllr Robert Vines	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
Cllr Steve Jordan	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Martin Surl	Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner	Apologies
Dr. Helen Miller	Clinical Commissioning Group Chair, NHS Gloucestershire	Apologies
Mary Hutton	Accountable Officer NHS Gloucestershire	Apologies
Chief Executive Advisers		
Pete Bungard	Gloucestershire County Council	
Mike Dawson	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
Secretariat		
Jane Burns	Gloucestershire County Council	
Visitors		
Graham Lewis	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Barry Wyatt	Stroud District Council	
Nigel Riglar	Gloucestershire County Council	
Angela Presdee	Gloucestershire County Council	
Phil Swann	Shared Intelligence	
Jeff Alexander	Shared Intelligence	

2. Notes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 2013

The notes of the meeting held on 20 June 2013 were approved.

All matters arising had been pursued or were reported back elsewhere on the agenda.

Item 5 - Community Covenant – Nominations received so far:

Cotswold District Council – Cllr. Carole Topple
Gloucester City Council – Cllr. Fred Wood
Gloucestershire County Council – Cllr. Shaun Parsons
Stroud District Council – Cllr. June Cordwell

Other nominations to be confirmed as soon as possible. **Action: Those who have not responded.**

Item 8 - Draft Work Programme 2013/14 – suggestions for priorities as soon as possible please. Action: All.

3. Gloucestershire Strategic Economic Plan and Growth

Shared Intelligence had been appointed to help develop the Gloucestershire position. Phil Swann and Jeff Alexander gave a presentation and prompted discussions on the expectations and timescales. They were meeting separately with each Leader and Chief Executive. They had two key tasks:-

- (1) To develop a coherent public sector contribution which has the support of principal stakeholders; and
- (2) To integrate that contribution into the strategic economic plan and implementation process.

(Copy of the slides circulated with the agenda).

Phil Swann set out a summary of the Government's Local Growth Fund, "Growth Deals" which LEPs were expected to formulate and the expectations and timescales. He then posed a series of questions to prompt debate.

- (1) How do we deliver collective decisions?

Views expressed included the degree of urgency of this piece of work, the importance of linking with other related work e.g. LEP, CPSIG. There was an appetite to build on Leadership Gloucestershire and recognition that it could act as a "clearing house". Ultimately stronger decision-making structures might be needed to convince government.

- (2) How do we demonstrate strong cross-authority collaboration?

Gloucestershire has a long history of partnership working. There is clear evidence of joint working and collaboration. Good recent examples include Business Rates Retention Pooling, the Joint Waste Committee, the Joint Core Strategy, asset management etc.

(3) How do we achieve strong financial backing?

Business Rates Retention Pooling was seen as a good example. It had yet to be decided how to use the benefits from the pooling. Other potential sources of funding included the Community Infrastructure Levy and the New Homes Bonus.

It may also be possible to reconsider councils' funding of economic development/regeneration activities.

(4) How do we determine a clear and deliverable vision?

It was felt that there were a number of existing visions/strategies for economic growth which should form the basis for a refreshed single vision. The vision should include issues of county-wide and local/community importance.

Actions:

- (1) Research be undertaken into different decision-making structures which would meet local and national expectations. **(Action: Phil Swann and Jeff Alexander in conjunction with Chief Executives).**
- (2) A summary of examples of joint-working/collaboration championed by Leadership Gloucestershire be prepared. **(Action: Jane Burns).**
- (3) A further discussion to take place at the scheduled meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives and the LEP on the morning of 19 September. (This forum to be used as required). **(Action: All to note).**

4. Terms of Reference

The revised terms of reference were approved, subject to the following amendment:

The County Council Chief Executive and a District Council Chief Executive will be Leadership Gloucestershire's principal advisers and will play a full role in meetings. Tewkesbury Borough Council's Chief Executive is the current nominee.

5. Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 19 September 2013, 8.30 am in the GFirst meeting room. Single item agenda "Gloucestershire Strategic Plan and Economic Growth".
- Thursday 26 September 2013 10.00 am – 12.00 noon (ordinary meeting).

The meeting ended at 11.50 am.

Key Messages

- **Economic Growth** - Leadership Gloucestershire will provide the focus for public sector Gloucestershire's commitment and leadership around economic growth. They agreed a continuing role in terms of developing and agreeing the strategic economic plan.