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STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Leadership Gloucestershire
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	29 th September 2022

BRIEF REPORT:

The meeting considered updates on the following items

Armed Forces Covenant

Sarah Macdonald from the County Council updated on recent work around covenant including in public health.

There was a virtual re-signing event in March this year.

Leadership Gloucestershire was asked to reaffirm the commitment to the covenant, and they did so.

Climate Leadership Gloucestershire

An update was provided by Jon McGinty of Gloucester City and Julian Atkins, the climate leadership co-ordinator.

Details were given on the outcomes of the themes of work undertaken to date but to be successful there is a need for a further roadmap of work and the commitment of additional resources.

The debate around the required budget considered not only the amount that may be required but whether it was a one-off resource or ongoing budget requirement.

The resource implications are to be considered further by Chief Execs and the Section 151 Officer Group. A paper has since been prepared and individual authorities will have to consider the resourcing as part of their individual budgeting processes.

Levelling Up

Pete Bungard confirmed that the County Council proposals for a County Deal were still ready for engagement with Government when it is clear that it is the right time for the process to proceed.

Much of the discussion centred around the recent announcement of investment zones.



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Pete Bungard was able to update on the details that were known but there was still a lot of uncertainty.

The County Council were to create a set of proposals around investments zones and then engage with District Councils as required.

Future governance of Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC)

This joint committee has previously been extended to run until the end of March 2023.

Gareth Edmundson, working with the other Chief Execs, has prepared a paper setting out future governance options.

There was a discussion around the proposal to move forward with a clarified City Region Board. That name was to be retained in order to fit with existing recognised naming. The issue of the rural nature of the County was discussed and it was said that could be considered in the terms of reference of the Committee.

A further paper will come to the next Leadership Gloucestershire.

Each individual Council would need to sign up by March 2023 through their own decision-making processes.

Living with Covid

An update was given on the level of Covid within the County. Sadly 1,600 people have died in the County with Covid mentioned on the death certificate during the pandemic.

An increase of infections is expected in October and November, and it is important to promote the campaign for Covid and flu vaccinations.

Living with Covid is no longer to be a regular agenda item but an update on the vaccination programme is to come to the next Leadership Gloucestershire.

FUTURE MEETINGS	13 th December 2022
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Catherine Braun, Leader Andrew Cummings, Strategic Director of Resources
DATE	14/11/2022