



STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

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| NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY | Leadership Gloucestershire |
| DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED | 17 June 2021 |
| BRIEF REPORT: | |
| <p>Verbal updates were given on the following:</p> <p>Elections 2021</p> <p>a) Local Government</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, gave a picture of how the elections had affected the political landscape of the county.</p> <p>b) Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Chris Nelson, the new PCC, outlined his ambition to bid for new Government funding and confirmed that he was in the process of appointing a new deputy.</p> <p>Covid-19 update</p> <p>Sarah Scott, the Director of Public Health, highlighted the concerns over the new Delta variant with cases rising to 54.4 per 100,000 in the county and expected to continue to rise.</p> <p>Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits were now available to pick up in local pharmacies and it is possible to have assisted tests there, in view of which the county is closing its assisted testing stations.</p> <p>Western Gateway</p> <p>Pete Bungard of GCC provided an update on the latest position.</p> <p>Cllr Rowena Hay, Leader of Cheltenham BC, had attended as the District Council representative on the Western Gateway Board from Gloucestershire. Current projects are being mapped, including a digital accelerator programme, under 4 broad headings: Innovation, Connectivity, Global gateway and Net Zero.</p> <p>The bid for a fusion power plant at Berkeley and Oldbury had made it into the next Government round alongside 14 or 15 other sites nationwide, 6 or 7 of which were in Scotland and 8 were in England and Wales. This is expected to be shortlisted to 5 sites in due course.</p> | |

Gloucestershire City Region Board

Mike Dawson, CE of Tewkesbury BC, reported that there had been no meeting of the Board. The CEs group had been looking at the governance of growth meetings in the county and planned to bring a paper to the next meeting of Leadership Gloucestershire in September.

One Gloucestershire – Integrated Care System

Mark Walkingshaw, deputising for Mary Hutton, updated the meeting on the progress of the Bill on reform, expected to have its second reading before the Summer recess. The new Integrated Care System pattern is expected to be in place by April 2022. CCGs will be closed down, with the ICS becoming a statutory body with commissioning functions, and the ICS design framework issued, including roles, functions, governance and management arrangements. Board roles are expected to be designated over the next 2-3 months ready for April 2022.

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a) City of Culture

Cllr Richard Cook from Gloucester City Council raised the change in Government rules widening the scope for the UK City of Culture and set out Gloucester City's interest in leading an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Government for a 'Gloucester for Gloucestershire' bid, which could be groups of cities and towns and could include the rural hinterland. He was keen that this included all of Gloucestershire and emphasised that all that was being asked of district leaders at this stage was to support the EOI, with any funding commitments being further down the line if the EOI was shortlisted. Costs would be less if they were shared. Gloucester City planned to raise a significant amount of funding from the private sector. The EOI needs to be submitted by mid-July. District leaders asked for further details and Gloucester City agreed to provide these.

b) Resettlement of Afghan refugees

Government had requested assistance from all councils associated with the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan and the resettling of vulnerable Afghan civilians in the UK. Leadership Gloucestershire committed to support this, which is being followed up by the Strategic Oversight Group and Housing leads across the county.

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| FUTURE MEETINGS | 30 September 2021 2 December 2021 |
| REPORT SUBMITTED BY | Kathy O'Leary |
| DATE | 9 July 2021 |