



Agenda Item 2 (a)

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Date: Thursday 19 June 2014

Venue: Members' Room

Notes of the meeting of Leadership Gloucestershire held on
10 April 2014

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies.

Name	Organisation	Substitute/Apologies
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair)	Gloucestershire County Council	
Cllr Carole Topples	Cotswold District Council	Apologies
Cllr Geoff Wheeler	Stroud District Council	
Cllr Paul James	Gloucester City Council	Cllr Colin Organ
Cllr Patrick Molyneux	Forest of Dean District Council	
Cllr Robert Vines	Tewkesbury Borough Council	Apologies
Cllr Steve Jordan	Cheltenham Borough Council	
Martin Surl	Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner	John Beevor (interim Chief Executive)
Dr. Helen Miller	Clinical Commissioning Group Chair, NHS Gloucestershire	Apologies
Mary Hutton	Accountable Officer NHS Gloucestershire	
Diane Savory	Gloucestershire LEP	Apologies
Chief Executive Advisers		
Pete Bungard	Gloucestershire County Council	
Mike Dawson	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
Secretariat		
Jane Burns	Gloucestershire County Council	

2. Notes of the previous meeting held on 27 February 2014

The notes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014 were approved.

All matters arising had been dealt with.

3/4. Economic Growth/Strategic Economic Plan Update

Mike Dawson tabled a written update. The key points included:

- the approval of the “pre-submission” version of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) by Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Councils.
- the Strategic Economic Plan was submitted to Government on 28 March (copy circulated with the agenda).

The Plan was currently under assessment by civil servants, with a feedback meeting planned for 24 April. A meeting of the specialist Officer Support Group is being arranged to follow the feedback session, to continue to develop the local authority contribution.

The Shadow Joint Committee has met again and a detailed inter-authority agreement was being developed. Arrangements are also well developed to establish a Joint Scrutiny Committee to work alongside the Joint Committee

The Chair congratulated the three district/borough councils on agreeing the JCS. He also thanked those involved in the development of the SEP and the Joint Committee.

Feedback so far had been positive and that is not the case in all parts of the country.

Members confirmed that arrangements are in place to formally sign off the governance arrangements. Councils will endorse the Strategic Economic Plan. The LEP provided the formal “sign-off”.

5. Joining up Your Care

Mary Hutton tabled slides summarising the results of the recent consultation. The objectives were to enable as many individuals and groups as possible to access the proposed approach to joining up your care. The main conclusion was that there was nothing out of line with previous consultations. Some of the headlines included:

- people are willing to do more for themselves provided they have the right infrastructure to support and empower them
- the frustration at the lack of joining up of assessments but a greater value in NHS and Social Care working together
- the importance of community locality services
- the need to improve hospital discharge

A shared vision and a set of principles had been circulated for the health and care community in Gloucestershire. Further discussions were now being planned.

Mary was thanked for the update. A wide ranging discussion ensued which covered issues including: the representative nature of responses; the future of local health facilities; the importance of working with local partners; the need for a whole systems approach; and the financial challenges.

Reference was also made to the Police and Crime Commissioner's grants funding and the County Council Active Together Scheme.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will discuss the findings of the consultation in more detail and decides on the next steps. Everyone agreed that the goal was better outcomes at less cost.

6. Progress Report

- a. **Countywide Strategic Planning Issues Group** – Colin Organ reported back on behalf of Paul James that the Group hadn't met since the last meeting of Leadership Gloucestershire. However, he was able to report back on the Local Transport Board on 9 April. The Board has agreed to prioritise Abbeymead/Metz Way Corridors Improvements and Cheltenham Railway Station and Gloucester Central Transport Hub (Bus Station). They had also agreed a draft Rail Strategy.

It was noted that Leadership Gloucestershire had appointed Julian Wain as the Chief Executive Lead for the LTB. This was to be reviewed by Chief Executives since Julian had left.

Agreed Action:

(1) Chief Executives to consider nominating a new Local Transport Board adviser (Mike Dawson).

- b. **Health and Wellbeing Board:** Mary Hutton gave an update on the most recent meeting. It had agreed the Better Care Fund submission.

7. Leadership Gloucestershire Review

Leadership Gloucestershire had been established in January 2011 as a new iteration of a strategic partnership for the County. The original vision and purpose was to:

- provide vision, leadership and strategic direction for public sector Gloucestershire
- ensure joined up delivery of public services
- provide a strong single voice for Gloucestershire and promote the interests of the county and its residents
- commission work and make joint decisions on collective priorities

Leadership Gloucestershire had made good progress in these areas. In the last 9-10 months the focus had been on economic growth and overseeing the creation of the new Joint Committee. It was timely to review the group's role going forward.

Members felt that the group was still valid and had scope to work on common priorities. It provided an important forum for the wider public sector and had given momentum to new initiatives, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, the LEP and economic growth, shared services etc.

The paper set out a range of options for the future, from 2-3 meetings per year horizon-scanning, to continuing as now. The steer was to keep Leadership Gloucestershire to meet less frequently and to propose a new/renewed focus.

Agreed action

(1) Chief Executives to develop options for the future role and focus of Leadership Gloucestershire (Mike Dawson/Jane Burns)

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th June 2014 (Agreed to retain the meeting)