

# Private Document Pack

**Leadership Gloucestershire**

**Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 10.00 am**

**Virtual meeting via Teams**



## **AGENDA**

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	Cllr Mark Hawthorne
<b>2</b>	<b>ACTION NOTES</b> (Pages 1 - 2)	Cllr Mark Hawthorne
<b>3</b>	<b>REFUGEES AND ACCOMMODATION UPDATE</b>	Pete Bungard
<b>4</b>	<b>STRONGER LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM</b>	Mandy Quayle
<b>5</b>	<b>COUNTY DEALS</b>	Pete Bungard
<b>6</b>	<b>ECONOMIC GROWTH UPDATE</b>	
	<b>a) CITY REGION BOARD UPDATE</b>	Gareth Edmundson
	<b>b) WESTERN GATEWAY</b>	Pete Bungard
	<b>c) SEVERN ESTUARY</b>	Pete Bungard
<b>7</b>	<b>ONE GLOUCESTERSHIRE - ICS</b>	Mary Hutton
<b>8</b>	<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>	

	18 June 2024 – 10am 24 September 2024 – 10am 10 December 2024 – 10am	
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**Leadership Gloucestershire – 24 January 2024 – 11.30 am- Teams****Action Notes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair) Pete Bungard Paul Blacker Siobhan Farmer David Owen	Gloucestershire County Council	Colin Chick Sarah Scott Rob Ayliffe
Cllr Catherine Braun	Stroud District Council	
Cllr Richard Cook Jon McGinty	Gloucester City Council	
Cllr Mark Topping	Forest of Dean District Council	
Rob Weaver Cllr Joe Harris	Cotswold District Council	Cllr Mike Every
Cllr Rowena Hay Gareth Edmundson	Cheltenham District Council	
Cllr Richard Stanley Alistair Cunningham	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
Mary Hutton	NHS Gloucestershire	
Chris Nelson	Police and Crime Commissioner	
Caroline Cissold	Publica Group	

**1. Refugee Housing**

- Cllr Mark Hawthorne thanked the group for their dedication towards the refugee and asylum seeker accommodation situation in the past couple of months.
- Information was shared regarding the letter sent to the Home Secretary from Leadership Gloucestershire and the response received which had already been shared with the group.
- It was noted that the GCC Wheatridge Court facility was now live with capacity for up to 30 “non-priority” need refugees, with 9 placements already taken up and a further 9 anticipated shortly.
- The GCC “Homes for Refugees” scheme was live, and had made its first placement.
- Cost sharing for “priority needs” cases was discussed – **Section 151 Officers would take away the task of determining how costs would be shared across districts.**
- It was noted that the Home Office plan to increase dispersal accommodation across the country.

- It was noted that a report had been drafted on social housing accommodation waiting lists, which will be shared with LG as soon as it was finalised – **Ruth Saunders / GMP to provide this once finalised**
- Modular housing, built by prisoners, was discussed again which hinges on identifying sites – **action District Councils.**
- It was noted that Clearsprings, the Home Office contractor, is offering hotels previously contracted to the Home Office for local use – **Alistair Cummings agreed to investigate the Clearsprings situation further.**
- The underlying lack of permanent long-term accommodation for numerous client groups was recognised as a fundamental problem.

## **2. Any Other Business**

- Recent floods – it was noted that a flood summit was proposed in March.

## **3. Next Meetings**

- 5 March 2024 – 10 am
- 18 June 2024 – 10 am
- 24 September 2024 – 10am
- 10 December 2024 – 10am