

TITLE	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership Joint Committee
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	The Executive on Thursday, 24 November 2022
WARD	(All Wards);
LEAD OFFICER	Director, Adult Social Care and Health - Matt Pope
LEAD MEMBER	Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services - David Hare

PURPOSE OF REPORT (INC STRATEGIC OUTCOMES)

The Health and Care Act 2022 established Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) as legal entities and created new NHS bodies called Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Within this legislation all ICSs are required to establish new partnership forums called Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). These bring together ICBs and Local Authorities (LAs) with responsibility for Social Care and Public Health in order to integrate the services they plan, purchase, and provide for local residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive:-

1. Notes the establishment of a new joint committee - the Integrated Care Partnership covering the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area - and in principle, the working draft terms of reference for this partnership (See Annex 1)
2. Approves the appointment of the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services to this partnership and the Leader of the Council as substitute.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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These “founding members” of the ICP are working together to agree the terms of reference for this new partnership board. The ICP will cover the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) area and the founding members are

- a) Oxfordshire County Council
- b) Buckinghamshire Council
- c) West Berkshire Council
- d) Reading Borough Council
- e) Wokingham Borough Council
- f) The BOB NHS Integrated Care Board

BACKGROUND

Integrated Care Systems

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are geographically based arrangements that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services with local authorities and other local partners to plan, co-ordinate and commission health and care services. They gained formal legal status on 1st July 2022

The aim of ICSs is 4-fold.

- (a) To improve population health and healthcare
- (b) Tackle inequalities in outcome, experience and access
- (c) Enhance productivity and value for money
- (d) Help the NHS to support broader social and economic development

Wokingham borough is within the “BOB” ICS- that is the area of Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West

Integrated Care Partnerships

The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) is formed in accordance with Section 116ZA of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 as introduced by Section 26 of the Health and Care Act 2022.

The ICP is a statutory joint committee of the BOB Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the local authorities in the ICS who are responsible for adult social care: Buckinghamshire Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Reading Borough Council, West Berkshire Council, Wokingham Borough Council.

In addition to the Founding Members listed above, it is proposed with the BOB ICP Terms of Reference that wider health and social care partners are also included with the membership of the ICP. This includes; Oxfordshire City or District Council representation, NHS provider trusts for acute, mental health and ambulance services, Primary Care, Healthwatch, VCSE representation, Oxford Academic Health Sciences Network, a Social Care Provider. Full details are within the proposed ToR in annex 1.

The proposed membership of the ICP from Wokingham Borough Council is the Executive Member of Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services with the Leader of the Council acting as substitute.

Integrated care partnerships are required to publish an integrated care strategy to set out how the assessed needs (from the joint strategic needs assessments of the areas the partnership covers) can be met through the exercise of the functions of the integrated care board, partner local authorities or NHS England.

Partnership working, integration of services and development of joint strategies are approaches to improving outcomes for local residents that are already well established within work programmes of health and social care organisations. Much of this current work is overseen by Wokingham’s Health and Wellbeing Board. The creation of ICPs is not intended to duplicate existing arrangements like this but provide opportunity to establish greater integration at a larger system footprint. The principal of subsidiarity is

critical to the establishment of ICPs, meaning that where decisions and planning can happen at a Wokingham borough level it will.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£Nil	Yes	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£Nil	Yes	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£Nil	Yes	Revenue

Other Financial Information

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. More broadly, the establishment of the ICS and its associated structures aims to allow greater integration of services. This may include changes to the current arrangements where Wokingham Borough Council and the local NHS commissioning body (now the ICB) pool some of their budgets through Section 75 arrangements (National Health Act 2006). Any such changes will be subject to separate approval processes.

Stakeholder Considerations and Consultation

Public consultation is not required for the agreement of these Terms of Reference.

Public Sector Equality Duty

One of the 4 aims of Integrated Care Systems is to tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access. These inequalities in health can be experienced by a range of population groups, including those with protected characteristics. It is therefore anticipated that supporting the establishment of the new ICP will have a positive impact on equality and inclusion.

Climate Emergency – ***This Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to playing as full a role as possible – leading by example as well as by exhortation – in achieving a carbon neutral Wokingham Borough by 2030***

This paper does not have any direct climate emergency implications. Where any new or amended services are established because of greater integration, they will be individually assessed for their implications.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

Not applicable

List of Background Papers

Terms of Reference for ICP

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