



## Report to Leader (Health and Wellbeing portfolio)

<b>Decision Date:</b>	20 January 2023
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership</b>
<b>Ref No:</b>	HW01.23
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p><b>The Leader is asked to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Note the establishment of a joint committee for the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Partnership and note its draft Terms of Reference, in accordance with Section 26 of the Health and Care Act 2022, including the arrangements for Buckinghamshire representation.</b></li><li><b>2. Agree the appointment of three Cabinet Members and three substitute Members as the Buckinghamshire Council representatives on the BOB Integrated Care Partnership. Names to be confirmed by the Leader/Deputy Leader.</b></li></ol>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	To ensure that the needs of Buckinghamshire residents are met by and inform the planning of health services and health and wellbeing improvements in the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.

## **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 In accordance with changes introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022, this report seeks agreement from Cabinet to the establishment of a joint committee for the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Partnership, to approve its draft Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) and to appoint three Cabinet Members as the Council's representatives on the Partnership.

## **2. Content of report**

- 2.1 The Health and Care Act 2022 establishes Integrated Care Systems as statutory bodies across England. These systems will plan, manage and commission NHS services and distribute NHS funding to the 'Places' within each system. Whilst the mechanics of this work will be overseen by an Integrated Care Board, each Integrated Care System is also required to have an Integrated Care Partnership.
- 2.1 The purpose of the Integrated Care Partnership is to improve the general health and wellbeing of the local population through the delivery of an Integrated Care Strategy. All Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) are Joint Committees between the Integrated Care Board and the responsible authorities that come within an Integrated Care System area. However, the wider membership of the ICP is then open to local determination. Local systems are encouraged to consider representatives from a wide range of organisations to ensure the Integrated Care Strategy also addresses the wider determinants of health.
- 2.2 Section 26 of the Health and Care Act 2022 introduces a provision that the Integrated Care Partnership is to be a Joint Committee of the local Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the local authorities which manage social care within the local Integrated Care System area. For the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care System, the relevant local authorities are Buckinghamshire Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Borough Council and West Berkshire Council. The Integrated Care Partnership is responsible to both the Integrated Care Board and to the relevant local authorities.
- 2.3 The draft Terms of Reference for the proposed BOB Integrated Care Partnership are attached at Appendix 1. These will be approved by the Integrated Care Partnership at its first meeting. The draft Terms of Reference set out the four aims of the partnership:
- Improve outcomes - improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
  - Reduce inequalities - tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access

- Provide value – enhance productivity and value for money
- Supporting the local area – help the NHS support broader social and economic development

2.4 The draft Terms of Reference also state that the Integrated Care Partnership will work to uphold the Integrated Care System principles:

- Improved outcomes focus
- subsidiarity
- Distributed leadership
- Collective accountability
- Innovation and continuous learning

2.5 In relation to membership of the Integrated Care Partnership, the draft Terms of Reference propose an Elected Members from each 'Place' within the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West footprint, two other elected members from Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire respectively, together with the Director of Public Health from each 'Place'. Other members of the Integrated Partnership include representatives from NHS organisations, private care homes, the VCSE and Healthwatch. In addition, it is proposed that, as non-voting members, there will be one Director of Adult Social Services and one Director of Childrens Services from across the BOB.

2.6 To ensure resilience and representation at all meetings, it is proposed that named substitute Councillors are identified to support the named Elected Members on the Integrated Care Partnership.

### **3. Other options considered**

3.1 The local authority is required by law to be a founding member of the Integrated Care Partnership. Membership of the Integrated Care Partnership ensures that the health and wellbeing needs of Buckinghamshire residents will inform planning and strategy development at the Integrated Care System level.

3.2 Failure to appoint a member to the joint committee would preclude Buckinghamshire from participating in the work of the ICP with potentially adverse consequences for the health and wellbeing needs of the population.

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

4.1 The Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by Section 26 Health & Care Act 2022) provides that ICPs should be established as joint committees and prescribes that membership should include one member from each

relevant local authority and one member from the ICB, and any other members the ICP considers appropriate.

- 4.2 There are no direct financial implications for the Council in agreeing to the establishment of the Integrated Care Partnership, nor to appointing representatives to its membership.

## **5. Corporate implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct corporate implications arising from Buckinghamshire Council representation on the BOB Integrated Care Partnership.

## **6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

- 7.1 Communications and engagement on BOB Integrated Care System activity which may impact on Buckinghamshire residents will be the responsibility of the BOB Integrated Care System.

## **8. Next steps and review**

- 8.1 If approved, representation on the BOB Integrated Care Partnership will be reviewed annually as part of the Appointments to External Bodies.

## **9. Background papers**

- 9.1 Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership Draft Terms of Reference, Appendix 1.

## **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).