

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

<b>TO:</b>	<b>POLICY COMMITTEE</b>		
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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE WEST INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP</b>		
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for Reading Borough Council's involvement in the newly formed Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership (BOB ICP).

1.2 The BOB ICP will cover the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area. Reading Borough Council falls within the BOB ICP. The founding members of the BOB ICP worked together to agree the terms of reference for the new partnership board before its first meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The founding voting members are:

- Reading Borough Council
- Buckinghamshire Council
- West Berkshire Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Wokingham Borough Council
- The BOB NHS Integrated Care Board

1.3 In addition to the Founding Members listed above, it is proposed in the BOB ICP Final Draft Terms of Reference to invite wider health and social care system partners into the membership of the ICP. This will include:

- Two other elected members from Buckinghamshire Council
- Two other elected members from Oxfordshire councils (to include at least one elected member from a City/District council)
- One representative from an acute NHS provider\*
- One representative from a mental health NHS foundation trust\*
- One representative from the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

- Two representatives from primary care; one to be a GP\*
- The Directors of Public Health for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West
- One representative from Healthwatch
- One representative from the BOB VCSE Alliance
- One representative from the Oxford Academic Health Sciences Network (AHSN)
- One representative from care sector providers (with no direct financial interest)
- One representative of child and adolescent mental health
- (\*these four members from NHS providers must between them cover the three Places)

Also, in attendance as non-voting members will be:

- ICB Chief Executive Officer
  - One Director of Adult Social Services (DASS)\*\*
  - One Director of Children's Services (DCS)\*\*
- (\*\* each to be from different Place)

1.4 The proposed membership of the ICP from Reading Borough Council is:

- (a) Leader of the Council Councillor Brock
- (b) Nominated Deputy Councillor Terry

1.5 The BOB ICP development is under consideration by the other councils in the Berkshire West area. Wokingham noted the Terms of Reference and agreed their representatives to the ICP through their Executive on 24<sup>th</sup> November. West Berkshire took it to their Executive on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

1.6 Appendix 1: Draft Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Terms of Reference

## **2. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**2.1 The involvement of Reading Borough Council in the new joint committee of the Integrated Care Partnership that covers the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area is approved.**

**2.2 The final draft Terms of Reference for the BOB ICP joint committee be noted. (See Annex 1)**

**2.3 The appointment of two councillors of Reading Borough Council to the BOB ICP joint committee is approved.**

## **3. POLICY CONTEXT**

3.1 Partnership working, integration of services and the development of joint strategies are approaches to improving outcomes for residents that are already well established within work programmes of health and social care organisations. Much of the current work in Berkshire West is overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Boards in Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham.

- 3.2 The creation of ICPs is not intended to duplicate existing arrangements like this but provide opportunity to strengthen the alignment of the ICS and Health and Wellbeing Boards. The ICP strategy will take account of the Health and Wellbeing Boards' Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWS). establish greater integration within the larger system area.
- 3.3 Commissioning arrangements within the NHS have changed to enable the creation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). The Reading and Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Groups no longer exist and have now been replaced by the BOB Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- 3.4 Integrated Care Partnerships are required to publish an integrated care strategy to set out how the assessed needs in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the areas covered by the partnership can be met through the exercise of the functions of the Integrated Care Board, partner local authorities or NHS England.
- 3.5 Development of the BOB integrated care strategy has now been completed and is being consulted on as described below in paragraph 7.1. Six working groups were set up within a framework with the following themes: Start Well; Live Well; Age Well; Promoting Healthy Lives; Health Protection and Improving Access to health services. It is anticipated that the BOB ICP strategy will be published early in 2023.

#### **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 **Current Position:** To date Reading Borough Council and its Leadership have actively engaged with the BOB ICP and adopted a process of constructive participation.
- 4.2 **Proposed:** To approve and formalise the involvement of Reading Borough Council in the new joint committee of the Integrated Care Partnership that covers the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West including the appointment of 2 Councillors of Reading Borough Council to the committee.
- 4.3 **No other options are to be considered.**

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 Integrated Care Systems have four main aims:
1. To improve population health and healthcare
  2. Tackle inequalities in outcome, experience and access
  3. Enhance productivity and value for money
  4. Help the NHS to support broader social and economic development
- 5.2 The establishment of Integrated Care Partnerships within the new ICS structures provides greater opportunities to integrate health and care services for residents in Reading and Berkshire West. It is anticipated that this will drive a systemwide focus on collaboration and prevention leading to a positive impact on health and wellbeing outcomes across the life-course. It will provide further opportunity to

prevent and reduce health inequalities and drive the most rapid improvement of health amongst those with the greatest need.

5.3 Involvement in the BOB ICP and its integrated care strategy will contribute to the following strategic priorities of Reading Borough Council:

- The Reading Borough Council Corporate Plan and its themes of Healthy Environment, Thriving Communities and Inclusive Economy.
- The TEAM Reading principles of working together; driving efficiency, supporting the council's ambitions and making a positive difference.
- The Berkshire West and Reading Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its five priority areas of reducing the differences in health between different groups of people; supporting individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives; helping children and families in early years; promoting good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people and promoting good mental health and wellbeing for all adults.

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no environmental or climate implications arising from this decision. It does not influence whether Reading moves closer to the objective of a net zero carbon Reading by 2030 and will not make vulnerable service users resilient to future climate change impacts. Neither will it have implications for the environment and biodiversity.

## **7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

7.1 Whilst the formulation of the Integrated Care Partnerships is already determined the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership has begun the consultation about its strategy priorities. This opened on 13.12.22 and closes on 27.1.23. Reading Borough Council are actively engaged in the consultation process and a response will be submitted.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not relevant to this decision and will not have a differential impact on racial groups; gender; people with disabilities; people of a particular sexual orientation; people due to their age; people due to their religious belief; and the Armed Forces community.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Health and Care Act 2022 established Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) as legal entities and created new NHS bodies called Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) statutory bodies that are responsible for planning and funding most NHS services in the area. Within this legislation all ICSs are required to establish new partnership forums called Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). These statutory committees bring together a broad set of system partners. This includes local government particularly social care and public health, the voluntary, community

and social enterprise sector (VCSE), NHS organisations and others to develop a health and care strategy for the area to integrate the services that they plan, purchase, and provide for local residents.

- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The establishment of the ICS and its associated structures aims to allow greater integration of services with a stronger focus on prevention. This may include changes to the current arrangements where Reading Borough Council within Berkshire West and the local NHS commissioning body, now the Integrated Care Board, pool some of their budgets through Section 75 arrangements. Any such changes will be subject to separate approval processes.
- 10.2 The BOB ICP Terms of Reference set out working arrangements with an expectation that all members and partners will contribute through ‘in kind’ support from the ICB along with access to partner’s expertise. If the ICP needs to commission additional input or external support, then the statutory partners will agree how this is to be funded.
- 10.3 The final draft terms of reference state that the secretariat and administrative functions for the ICP will be provided by the ICB.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1 Appendix 1: BOB ICP Terms of Reference