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# Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire & Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership

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<b>Committee considering report:</b>	Executive
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<b>Portfolio Member:</b>	Councillor Graham Bridgman
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## 1 Purpose of the Report

This report sets out the requirement to establish the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) as a joint committee. It also notes the appointment of West Berkshire Council Members to the joint committee, and delegation of powers to agree the terms of reference for the joint committee.

## 2 Recommendations

It is recommended that Executive:

- (a) approve the creation of a joint committee to act as the Integrated Care Partnership covering the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area;
- (b) note the appointment by the Leader of the Executive Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing as the West Berkshire Council representative on the Integrated Care Partnership joint committee;
- (c) note the appointment by the Leader of all remaining Executive Portfolio Holders as substitutes on the Integrated Care Partnership; and
- (d) note that the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing will be given delegated powers by the Leader to agree the final version of the Terms of Reference for the Integrated Care Partnership, in collaboration with other Members of the Integrated Care Partnership.

### 3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
<b>Financial:</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. More broadly, the establishment of the Integrated Care System and its associated structures aims to allow greater integration of services. This may include changes to the current arrangements where West Berkshire Council and the local NHS commissioning body (now the Integrated Care Board) could pool some of their budgets through Section 75 arrangements. Any such changes would be subject to separate approval processes.
<b>Human Resource:</b>	There are no direct staffing implications associated with this report. It is anticipated the Member and Officer time taken to participate in this new partnership forum will drive efficiencies of working for a range of teams in the Council and therefore it will have a positive impact on staff capacity
<b>Legal:</b>	As set out in paragraph 5.6 of this report, West Berkshire Council has a statutory responsibility to form an Integrated Care Partnership with the Integrated Care Board and other upper tier local authorities within the area covered by the Integrated Care System. This report seeks approval to establish the joint committee and appointment of Members to the joint committee to support this statutory duty.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	A detailed risk assessment is not required for this report. There are both opportunities and risks to West Berkshire Council from the formation of the Integrated Care System, but this is managed via the council's usual risk management processes.
<b>Property:</b>	There are no direct property implications arising from this report.
<b>Policy:</b>	The formation of Integrated Care Partnerships is a national policy as set out in the Health and Care Act 2022.

	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
<b>Equalities Impact:</b>				
<b>A</b> Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?	X			One of the four aims of Integrated Care Systems is to tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access. These inequalities in health can be experience 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.
<b>B</b> Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?	X			
<b>Environmental Impact:</b>		X		This paper does not have any direct sustainability implications. Where any new or amended services are established because of greater integration, they will be individually assessed for their sustainability implications. Any travel and other associated impacts for Council Members and staff participating in a new joint committee will be managed via existing policies to mitigate such impacts.
<b>Health Impact:</b>	X			Integrated Care Systems 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 are designed to help improve population health and healthcare, and tackle inequalities in outcome, experience and access.

<b>ICT Impact:</b>		X		There are no direct ICT implications arising from this report.
<b>Digital Services Impact:</b>		X		There are no direct implications for Digital Services arising from this report.
<b>Council Strategy Priorities:</b>	X			The work of the Integrated Care Partnership will contribute to the Council Strategy priority to 'support everyone to reach their full potential'. In particular it will support the commitment to 'improve the health and wellbeing of our residents'.
<b>Core Business:</b>		X		The Integrated Care Partnership will build on existing relationships with the NHS and neighbouring local authorities.
<b>Data Impact:</b>		X		There are no data implications associated with setting up the Integrated Care Partnership, since it will primarily be taking decisions based on aggregated data rather than individuals.
<b>Consultation and Engagement:</b>	<p>Formation of the Integrated Care Partnership is a statutory requirement.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft Terms of Reference for the Integrated Care Partnership has been carried out between the founding members. Public consultation is not required for the agreement of the Terms of Reference.</p>			

## 4 Executive Summary

- 4.1 Changes introduced as part of the Health and Care Act 2022 established Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) as legal entities and created new NHS bodies called Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). All ICSs are required to establish new partnership forums called Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). These bring together ICBs and upper tier Local Authorities (LAs) that have responsibility for Social Care and Public Health in order to integrate the services they plan, purchase, and provide for local residents.
- 4.2 The ICP will cover the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) area and the founding members are:
- Buckinghamshire Council;

- Oxfordshire County Council;
- Reading Borough Council;
- West Berkshire Council;
- Wokingham Borough Council;
- The BOB Integrated Care Board.

4.3 These founding members of the ICP are working together to agree the terms of reference for this new partnership board.

## **5 Supporting Information**

### **Introduction**

5.1 This report sets out the changes to the health landscape arising from the Health and Care Act 2022, including the formation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) and their associated Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). It describes the arrangements that will apply across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB), and seeks approval to establish the BOB ICP as a joint committee and appoint Members of West Berkshire Council to the ICP.

### **Background**

#### **Integrated Care Systems**

5.2 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 1 July 2022

5.3 The aims of ICSs are fourfold.

- To improve population health and healthcare;
- To tackle inequalities in outcome, experience and access;
- To enhance productivity and value for money;
- To help the NHS to support broader social and economic development.

5.4 West Berkshire is within the BOB ICS which covers the area of Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West.

5.5 Commissioning arrangements within the NHS have also changed to enable the creation of ICSs. This means that the Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group no longer exists and its functions are now discharged by the BOB ICB.

## Integrated Care Partnerships

- 5.6 The 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 ICB and the upper tier local authorities within the ICS who are responsible for Adult Social Care and Public Health, namely Buckinghamshire Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Reading Borough Council, West Berkshire Council, and Wokingham Borough Council.
- 5.7 In addition to the Founding Members listed above, it is proposed within 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; NHS provider trusts for acute, mental health and ambulance services; primary care; Healthwatch; voluntary and community sector representation; Oxford Academic Health Sciences Network; and a social care provider.
- 5.8 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 ICB, partner local authorities, or NHS England.
- 5.9 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 the Health and Wellbeing Boards for each local authority. The creation of ICPs is not intended to duplicate existing arrangements, but provide opportunity to establish greater integration at a larger system footprint. The principle of subsidiarity is critical to the establishment of ICPs, meaning that decisions and planning will happen at a Berkshire West level whenever possible.

## 6 Proposal

- 6.1 It is proposed to: approve the establishment of the BOB ICP as a joint committee; appoint the Executive Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing as the Council's representative on that committee; and appoint all other Executive Portfolio Holders as substitutes.

## 7 Other options considered

- 7.1 None - the formation of an ICP is a statutory requirement. If the Executive does not approve the formation of the joint committee then the ICP would be established without West Berkshire Council as a member.

## 8 Conclusion

- 8.1 The Executive Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing is considered to be the most appropriate Member to represent West Berkshire Council, since they are also Chairman of West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board. Appointment of all Executive Portfolio Holders as substitutes provides additional flexibility and should ensure that West Berkshire Council is always represented at ICP meetings.

## 9 Appendices

9.1 None

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### Background Papers:

None

### Subject to Call-In:

Yes:  No:

- The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval
- Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council
- Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position
- Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or associated Task Groups within preceding six months
- Item is Urgent Key Decision
- Report is to note only

**Wards affected:** All wards

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