

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: For noting

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 03 March 2022

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| TITLE | Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Healthier together partnership | | |
| Ward(s) | All Wards | | |
| Author: Hugh Evans | Job title: Executive Director - People | | |
| Cabinet lead: Cllr Helen Holland, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Integrated Care System | Executive Director lead: Hugh Evans, Executive Director - People | | |
| Proposal origin: Other | | | |
| Decision maker: For noting Decision forum: For noting | | | |
| Purpose of Report: To agree the extension of the final signed version of the Memorandum of Understanding that sets out the transitional arrangements, shared principles and values underpinning the developing BNSSG Integrated Care Partnership, until the new Integrated Care Partnership is formally constituted when the Health and Care Act comes in to force. | | | |
| Evidence Base: On 5th October 2021 Cabinet approved the updated and final draft of Bristol City Council Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Healthier Together Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and authorised the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Integrated Care System to oversee and agree any minor amendments to the document prior to its final ratification by the BNSSG Partnership Board. Cabinet asked that the signed version by brought back to note any further amendments. The final version of the MoU was signed on 27th October 2021 at an extraordinary meeting of the Healthier Together Partnership Board. No significant amendments were made to the version approved by Cabinet. Cabinet noted the final MOU at the meeting on 14 December 2021. The MOU is an interim agreement setting out how the Healthier Together Partnership will work as a transitional arrangement between now and the transition to the Integrated Care Partnership. Governance arrangements for the new Partnership will be brought to cabinet for approval before implementation takes place. The MOU is time limited and expires on the 31 March 2022, as it was anticipated that legislation and governance arrangements for the new Care Partnership would be in place by April 2022. However, there have been delays to the implementation of legislation, so arrangements will not be in place within the expected timeframe. As it is not possible to say when the Act will come into force or when governance arrangements will be agreed, it is recommended that the extension is not time limited but rather linked to the date of implementation. The MOU has been amended to reflect this and a draft circulated to all Partners for approval under their respective governance arrangements. The draft for approval is attached and shows the amendments proposed | | | |
| Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations: That Cabinet: | | | |

1. Agrees the extension to the Memorandum of Understanding, ratified by the Healthier Together Partnership Board on 27 October 2021, until the new Integrated Care Partnership is formally constituted when the Health and Care Act comes in to force.
2. Approves the draft amended Memorandum of Understanding at Appendix A which gives effect to the extension.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding supports the commitment of Bristol City Council's Corporate Strategy to work in partnership to improve health and reduce the gap in health inequality in the city.

City Benefits:

1. The Bristol population makes up just under 50% of the whole population of the Integrated Care System.
2. The City of Bristol has the highest level of health inequality within the Integrated Care System area.
3. The City of Bristol has the more diverse population within the Integrated Care System area.
4. Active participation by Bristol City Council in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care System will ensure that the diverse health needs and inequalities of the Bristol population are fully represented and addressed.

Consultation Details:

None

Background Documents:

[Health and Care Bill \(2021\)](#)
[NHS Long Term Plan](#)
[BNSSG Five Year Plan](#)

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| Revenue Cost | £N/A | Source of Revenue Funding | N/A |
| Capital Cost | £N/A | Source of Capital Funding | N/A |
| One off cost <input type="checkbox"/> | Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/> | Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/> | Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/> |

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice: There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision. The MOU does not override Bristol City Council existing decision pathways, which will continue to apply in terms of financial governance and decision making.

Finance Business Partner: Denise Hunt, Finance Business Partner 26th January 2022

2. Legal Advice: There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Work is taking place to develop new governance arrangements for the new Partnership arrangements which will be constituted when the Health and Care Act comes in to force. Amendments to the MOU are minor, and reflect the change of timescale for implementation.

Legal Team Leader: Nancy Rollason Head of Legal Service 16th February 2022

3. Implications on IT: As an extension to the existing MOU, I can see no implications on IT in regards to this activity. On creation of the new ICP IT are happy to review any requirements that may be requested as a part of what would likely form a wider project.

IT Team Leader: Gavin Arbuckle – Head of Service Improvement and Performance, 3rd January 2022

4. HR Advice: There are no HR implications arising from this report

HR Partner: James Brereton, HR Business Partner, 1st February 2022

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| EDM Sign-off | Hugh Evans | 26 th January 2022 |
| Cabinet Member sign-off | Cllr Holland | 31 st January 2022 |

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| For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off | Mayor's Office | 7 th February 2022 |
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| Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal Amended Healthier Together Integrated Care Systems memorandum of understanding – Final version | YES |
| Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external | NO |
| Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny | NO |
| Appendix D – Risk assessment | NO |
| Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal | YES |
| Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal | NO |
| Appendix G – Financial Advice | NO |
| Appendix H – Legal Advice | NO |
| Appendix I – Exempt Information | No |
| Appendix J – HR advice | NO |
| Appendix K – ICT | NO |
| Appendix L – Procurement | NO |