

# SCRUTINY REPORT



**MEETING: Overview and Scrutiny**

**DATE: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**SUBJECT: Update on devolution in Greater Manchester**

**REPORT FROM: The Leader of the Council**

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. In February 2018 a report was presented to Overview and Scrutiny on devolution in Greater Manchester. The Committee welcomed the report and requested this becomes a regular agenda item and so this paper provides an update over the last six months.
- 1.2. The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham has entered his second year in office and through the Combined Authority is driving the implementation of the 'Our People, Our Place' Strategy. The ten priorities within this have strong alignment with local priorities in terms of a focus on healthy lives for all, business growth, housing, skills (academic and life-skills), nurturing the environment as well as safe and strong communities. Central to the work of the Combined Authority is driving public sector reform in terms of evidence based interventions at a local level in an asset based way.
- 1.3. Quarterly monitoring of these implementation plans has now progressed as is being built into the way that corporate performance is considered within Bury.
- 1.4. Bury is well represented within key Greater Manchester meetings, with the Leader of the Council as the GM portfolio holder for young people and social cohesion.

## **2.0 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

- 2.1 Work has commenced on the implementation of proposals within the Bury Locality Plan. This outlines Bury's transformation to drive towards financial and clinical sustainability through the integration of health and social care, keeping people well for longer, reducing failure demand and tackling the wider determinants of health.

- 2.2 £19m has been secured from the Transformation Fund to enable the development of new models of care, self-help and behaviour change initiatives. A series of work streams have been established including Enabling Local People, a Wellness Model for Bury and Transforming Primary, Community and Social Care. At the same time work is progressing on the key enablers of transformation; specifically IT, estates and workforce.
- 2.3 There has been significant progress in the development of the Local Care Alliance (LCA) which will see integrated working, including examples multi-disciplinary teams under single line management across Pennine Acute (now part of the Northern Care Alliance), Pennine Care, Primary Care, Council and CCG. The LCA will deliver person-centred, place-based care for the people of Bury.
- 2.4 Work has also progressed on the One Commissioning Organisation (as a Strategic Commissioning Function) between the Council and Bury CCG with a Shadow Executive Board and Partnership Board now in place. A series of test-beds have been identified to explore future ways of working collaboratively and to test local commissioning principles. Staff from the CCG have now co-located with those of the Council, with both health and care commissioners sat together in Knowsley Place.
- 2.5 A Greater Manchester Children's Framework has been produced. This 4 year plan maps out how agencies in the region will work closer together to improve health and care outcomes for young people, with consideration of this taking place at Bury's Standing Commission on Life Chances. The framework will be based on ten key commitments that have been developed by young people themselves.
- 2.6 Cllr Andrea Simpson (portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing) has been appointed as a deputy to Lord Peter Smith in relation to the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 2.7 A 'Devolution Difference' roadshow is taking place in Bury on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October which will showcase to the public the work that has taken place to date, particularly in relation to the health and social care element of devolution. The event is open to all.

### **3.0 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK**

- 3.1 In July a refreshed strategy for Manchester was agreed. Publically launched in October, Our People, Our Place is an update to previous GM Strategies that reflects the changing conditions the region finds itself in, but continues to the principles of joint working that have underpinned previous iterations of regional plans.
- 3.2 More than 27,000 responses were received overall as part of the initial consultation into the first draft of the framework, with these now able to be viewed on the GMCA website.
- 3.3 In the last six months work has been taking place in the region to update the draft in light of the initial responses and to allow consideration of updated population projections released over the last couple of months. The new draft will be released in October, at which point a period of consultation will begin and run through until January 2019.

- 3.4 Bury's Local Plan will reflect the Spatial Framework once confirmed.

## **4.0 INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 4.1 Connectivity is a key theme of the GM Strategy. This includes connecting people within the region to assets and opportunities including employment, education provision, culture and leisure offers.
- 4.2 GM has been successful in securing £23.8m from the Local Full Fibre network Challenge to connect 1,500 public sector settings, to increase full fibre coverage from 2% to 25% by 2021. Bury Council and CCG officers have been engaged in this process as part of determining potential sites within the Borough and will lead discussions with economic development, highways and communications as this moves into implementation stage.
- 4.3 In terms of transport, development is taking place on proposals to establish a bus franchising scheme in Greater Manchester, through reform powers available locally through the Bus Services Act (2017). This would allow GM to decide the routes, frequencies, fares and quality of standards across the region. Consultation plans are being prepared by Transport for Greater Manchester.
- 4.4 Bury has benefited from GM's Transforming Cities funding through the Mayor's Cycling and Walking programme, Streets for All. This includes joint work with metrolink on cycle parking for the Bury line and the recent announcement of improvements as part of Chris Boardman's 'Beelines' initiative. 71 new or upgraded crossings are proposed, enabling 88% of the population to use Beelines as part of an integrated walking and cycling network across the region.

## **5.0 BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE**

- 5.1 Greater Manchester has been identified as a trailblazer site to develop a Local Industrial Strategy by March 2019. This will be based on the foundations of people, infrastructure, place, the business environment and ideas. Businesses across the region are being engaged with during the autumn.
- 5.2 Earlier in the summer, Andy Burnham appointed Sacha Lord as GM's Night Time Economy Advisor, to support work to improve the city-region's evening economy to make it stronger, better connected and attractive to business and residents alike. Bury is already in a very strong position with the recent Purple Flag success. A panel has been established to support Sacha's work and this includes Councillor Tamoor Tariq ensuring Bury's voice is at the centre of this work.
- 5.3 Bury, along with our neighbouring GM local authorities, remains part of the Business Rate retention scheme as outlined in the February meeting.

## **6.0 GREEN CITY REGION**

- 6.1 March 2018 saw the first Greater Manchester Green Summit. Building on this is a GM Green Springboard, based on the six themes used in the summit including the natural environment, energy, buildings, transport and education.
- 6.2 A series on line work streams have been set up in relation to delivering these with actions considering a draft strategy for electric vehicle charging locations, a #plasticfree campaign across the region (including support to the tourism and hospitality sector to eradicate the use of single use plastics) and exploring the feasibility of GM Green Bank to finance green infrastructure development. The intention is to present back on these at next year's summit (25<sup>th</sup> March 2019) with a five year action plan to follow this.

## **7.0 HOMELESSNESS**

- 7.1 Greater Manchester has been chosen as a Housing First Pilot area to assist entrenched rough sleeping and homelessness. A key element of this is the successful Social Impact Bond to help people secure accommodation and receive ongoing targeted support as part of an early intervention and prevention approach. This is part of the GM pledge to end rough sleeping by 2020, seven years ahead of the national target.
- 7.2 Plans are progressing locally and regionally for enhanced winter provision in Greater Manchester with the intention of providing 'A Bed Every Night' through partnership working between local authorities, businesses, the voluntary sector and the public.

## **8.0 SAFE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

- 8.1 In July the Commission on Preventing Hateful Extremism and Promoting Social Cohesion published a report outlining key recommendations to develop a 'whole-society' approach. Central to this will be work to make it easier for people to raise and report concerns, making the work of Prevent more transparent, with a focus for investment to support young people.
- 8.2 An audit of Hate Crime Reporting Centres will be carried out to understand the volume and distribution on these, with a campaign to promote their awareness.
- 8.3 Tackling Hate Crime forms a major part of the GM Police and Crime Plan, which is being used as the foundation from which the Bury Community Safety Partnership Plan will be developed.

## **9.0 ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET**

- 9.1 As highlighted previously discussions have been continuing between Greater Manchester and Government over the devolution of the adult education budget. The Department for Education have now announced that the region has met the requirements to begin the devolution of these functions and duties in preparation for the 19/20 academic year.
- 9.2 GM has commissioned two research projects to ensure that it has a comprehensive understanding of the way in which the money is currently used in GM and the possible impact of different funding decisions. The GM approach previously agreed by Leaders is to make minimal changes to current funding

levels in the first year of Devolution in order to avoid destabilising providers whilst building the evidence base that will inform future commissioning decisions.

## **10.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 10.1 Scrutiny are asked to note this report and indicate if they would like to receive future reports on any particular element of this paper.

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### **List of Background Papers:-**

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