

REPORT FOR DECISION



MEETING:	CABINET
DATE:	8 APRIL 2015
SUBJECT:	GM DEVOLUTION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REPORT FROM:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL & CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE
CONTACT OFFICER:	M Owen – Interim Chief Executive
TYPE OF DECISION:	KEY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	This report provides information on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) developed between GM Local Authorities, GM Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and NHS England which creates a framework for the delegation and ultimate devolution of health and social care responsibilities to Greater Manchester. It also sets out the actions required by this Council to meet the requirement of the MoU.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION:	<p>Cabinet is asked to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note the report considered and agreed at the joint GM Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board meeting on 27th February 2015 attached at Appendix A. II. Agree and endorse the MoU signed by representatives of AGMA, GM CCGs and NHS England and recognise that it is an important and significant step in the development of a new collaborative partnership for health and social care in Greater Manchester. III. Authorise the Interim Chief Executive to bring a report to the Cabinet in June 2015 setting out how the Authority will meet the locality requirements of the MoU.

IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with Policy Framework? Yes.
Statement by Section 151 Officer:	<p>Devolution of Health and Social Care will entail a budget in the region of £6 billion being managed by the 10 Local Authorities of AGMA.</p> <p>This MOU represents the first stage in establishing the Governance Framework.</p> <p>Further reports will be brought to Cabinet as financial details are established.</p>
Statement by Executive Director of Resources & Regulation:	There are no further, direct resource implications at this stage.
Health & Safety Implications:	The report does not present any Health & Safety issues.
Equality/Diversity implications:	All equality / diversity implications will be considered as operational arrangements for devolution are developed.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	<p>Yes</p> <p>The report sets out details of a MOU developed between GM local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England.</p>
Are there any legal implications?	The MOU sets out broad principals and a proposed governance structure. It does not make any changes to the statutory accountabilities, duties or financial flows of the Council or the CCG
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Chief Executive/ Senior Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
23/3/15	Leader of the Council		
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Committee	Council
	8/4/2015		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As set out in the attached report to AGMA/GMCA the integration of health and social care within and across Greater Manchester has been a major priority of GM's growth and reform strategies for some time.
- 1.2 It is also recognised that the Council's strategic vision and future budget strategy will place reliance upon the integration of health and social care and integrated commissioning at a local level. This will ensure that services are effectively targeted, thereby reducing dependency and supporting residents to be economically active.

2.0 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

- 2.1 The MOU agreed in February will support and enable the Authority, working with its partners, to make this a reality; particularly as it has the support of the CCG and NHS Trusts operating in the Borough.
- 2.2 The Local Authorities, CCGs and NHS England have agreed that the next step in the process is the development of a Road Map which will set out what is required from all parties to progress to full devolution of NHS England powers and funding to Greater Manchester by April 2016. The Road Map will also include the development of plans for all localities to work with their local CCGs to produce whole system local area plans by April 2016.
- 2.3 It should be noted that the MoU does not propose any changes in legal responsibilities or accountabilities of any Local Authority or CCG. It confirms that the NHS Constitution and Mandate will still apply and services will remain as part of the NHS or councils. However it also recognises that this will provide the opportunity for those services to be tailored to meet the needs of the residents of GM and each local district.

2.4 The report to AGMA/GMCA summarises the agreement with NHS England and the governance proposals. It includes the following objectives and principles:

- Improving the health and well being of all of the residents of Greater Manchester from early age to elderly, recognising that this will only be achieved with a focus on the prevention of ill health and the promotion of well being.
- We want to move from having some of the worst health outcomes to having some of the best.
- We aim to close the health inequalities gap within GM and between GM and the rest of the UK faster
- GM will remain firmly within the NHS and social care system, uphold the standards set out in national guidance and continue to meet statutory duties including those of the NHS Constitution and Mandate and those that underpin the delivery of social care and public health services.
- Decisions will be focused on the interests and outcomes of patients and people in GM and organisations will collaborate to prioritise those interests.
- Decision making will be underpinned by transparency and the open sharing of information.
- There will be a principle that 'all decisions about GM will be taken with GM'. This will start on 1st April 2015.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR BURY

3.1 The implications of devolution need to be fully analysed and work needs to take place to ensure that local plans for Bury's Health & Local Authority sectors and those of the wider GM area are aligned.

3.2 Devolution presents an opportunity for the Council to radically transform the Borough's community based care system, supporting people to live longer, healthier lives.

3.3 Members are requested to endorse the MoU, which will bring devolution of health powers to GM partners and support and enable the Authority to progress with this work; and agree that a further report on implementation will be considered at Cabinet in June.

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