



Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Shadow Executive Committee

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Report Subject	BCP LGR Programme Update
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Status	Public
Classification	For information for all Members
Key Decision	No
Executive summary	This report provides an overview of activity within the BCP Programme for Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset.
Recommendations	1. Members note the progress made since the last BCP Shadow Executive Committee meeting on approved workstreams.
Reason for Recommendations	To note the progress made on the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole programme to prepare for local government reorganisation in Dorset and to provide assurance to Members that the Programme is progressing satisfactorily.

Background detail

1. At its first meeting the Shadow Executive Committee adopted the programme framework that had previously been approved and adopted by the BCP Joint Committee.
2. The key components of this framework are as follows:

- a. The Governance architecture comprising:
 - i. The BCP Shadow Executive Committee
 - ii. The BCP Programme Board, along with subordinate Phase 2 Delivery Boards established to oversee the specific operational areas of Adult's Services, Children's Services, Environment & Economy and Corporate & Support Services
 - iii. The Programme Director/Central Implementation Team Leader and the implementation team
 - iv. The Task & Finish Groups established under this architecture to progress specific workstreams.
 - b. The programme plan comprising three phases:
 - i. Creating the new unitary authority
 - ii. Delivering senior staffing structures and business functionality for April 2019
 - iii. Designing and building the new local authority.
 - c. The allocation of resources totalling £9,096,160 with delegation to the BCP Programme Board to approve spending from this budget.
3. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the activity within the programme in order to ensure oversight by the Shadow Executive Committee.

Activity Undertaken in the Last Period

4. Good progress has been made with MHCLG and other government departments on the subsequent Orders required for the creation of and transition to the BCP unitary authority. An update on this aspect of the programme appears on the Agenda and will provide more detail for Members.
5. Phase 2 of the programme is now moving into its implementation stage. All of the Delivery Boards and their Unit of Service workstreams are with the BCP PMO/Central Implementation Team and other Corporate Service colleagues in specifying and implementing solutions to ensure service continuity.
6. In support of this, all the Phase 2 Task & Finish Groups have now either been convened or are in the process of being so. In addition, Shadow Executive Members are working with the Delivery Boards in developing service continuity arrangements as well as appropriate budget proposals for 2019/20.
7. The Shadow Overview & Scrutiny Committee is developing its work programme with a focus on risks to programme delivery, service continuity through the transition and the MTFP. Shadow Executive Members and Senior Officers are

actively supporting this approach through various arrangements and the process is working effectively.

Summary of finance implications

8. Resources totalling £9,096,160 have been approved to support the delivery of Phases 1 and 2 of the BCP LGR Programme. Authority to approve spend from this budget is delegated to the BCP Programme Board.
9. Budget Monitoring of these resources is undertaken on a quarterly basis. The next Budget Monitoring report will be January 2019. However, with the recent approval of additional resources for the programme, there are no budget pressures currently.

Summary of legal implications

10. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Summary of human resources implications

11. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of environmental impact

12. There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

13. The risks and issues have been developed and are being reviewed and managed through the BCP Programme Board and the PMO/Central Implementation Team. They are also regularly reviewed with the BCP Programme Steering Group (formerly approved and known as the Strategic Task & Finish Group).
14. In the event that there is a need to escalate any risks or issues to the Shadow Executive Committee for either awareness or decision they will be fully outlined with background information, a description of available options and carry recommendations for approval.
15. There are no risks or issues to be escalated at this stage.

Background papers

None

Appendices

None