



## Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Shadow Executive Committee

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Report Subject	<b>BCP LGR Programme Update</b>
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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.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>1. Members note the progress made since the last BCP Shadow Executive Committee meeting on approved workstreams.</b>
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. Overall, the progress of the programme is consistent with the plan agreed by the BCP Joint Committee. Phase 2 of the programme is now into its implementation stage, with all the Delivery Boards and their Unit of Service workstreams working with the BCP PMO/Central Implementation Team and other Corporate Service colleagues in specifying and implementing solutions to ensure service continuity. While a full update on the progress made against the MTFP is included later on this Agenda, the work undertaken by the Phase 2 Delivery Boards has contributed significantly at this stage. Good progress has been made with MHCLG in progressing the consequential Orders.
5. Oversight, direction and support from elected Members is being effectively provided through a number of strategic and operational mechanisms. The Phase 2 Task & Finish Groups are working very well, and their efforts are being seen with significant progress being made in areas such as the MTFP and Budget setting, the development of the Constitution for the new authority and also the completion of the Tier 2 appointments process subject to approval by the Shadow Authority at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Engagement by the Shadow Executive Committee with the work of the Phase 2 Delivery Boards is facilitated by the relationships agreed at the meeting of the Shadow Executive Committee in

July 2018, while also providing an informal means of engaging and supporting the work of the Shadow Overview & Scrutiny arrangements.

### **Summary of finance implications**

6. 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.
7. The programme remains within budget and the next full Budget Monitoring report will be provided in January 2019.

### **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 regularly reviewed and managed using an established methodology and framework. At an operational level, they are reviewed and managed through the BCP Programme Board, the Phase 2 Delivery Boards/Unit of Service Workstreams along with the PMO/Central Implementation Team.
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. In addition, regular reviews of the Strategic Risk Register for the Programme are undertaken by the Shadow Executive Committee at its briefing meetings along with a similar arrangement in place with the Shadow Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
15. There are no risks or issues to be escalated at this stage.

### **Background papers**

None

### **Appendices**

None