

ACTIVE, CONNECTED AND PROSPEROUS BOARD

MEETING, 23rd NOVEMBER, 2021

In Attendance

Councillor Cox – Leader of Bolton Council

Councillor Baines – Bolton Council

Ms. S. Johnson – Deputy Chief Executive, Bolton Council

Ms. D. Yates-Obe – Chief Executive, Bolton CVS

Mr. R. Gauld – Chief Executive, The Octagon Theatre, Bolton

Ms. N. Sharpe – Bolton at Home

Ms. R. Tanner – Director of Adult Services, Bolton Council and
Managing Director of the ICP

Mr. A. Hardman – Greater Manchester Fire

Dr. H. Lowey – Director of Public Health, Bolton Council

Mr. J. Dyson – Director of Place Services, Bolton Council

Ms. E. Brook – Assistant Director Strategy and Partnership,
Bolton Council

Mr. M. Kane – Corporate Manager - Performance &
Partnerships, Bolton Council

Ms. P. Applegate - Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)

Ms. F. Noden – Chief Executive, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Mr. B. Webster – Principal, Bolton College

Mr. C. Marsh – Local Government Association

Mrs. V. Ridge – Democratic Services, Bolton Council

Ms. J. Shaw – Personal Assistant, Bolton Council

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:

Mr. I. Ismail – Chair of Bolton CVS

Superintendent S. Parker – Greater Manchester Police

Mr. D. Singleton – Bolton Vision

Mr. J. Lord - Chief Executive of Bolton at Home
Mr. T. Oakman – Chief Executive, Bolton Council
Mr. D. Bagley – Voluntary and Community Sector Forum
Ms. B. Brown – Director of Children’s Services, Bolton Council
Councillor Peel – Bolton Council
Ms. C. Norman – Chief Executive, MSV Housing and Bolton
Community Homes Partnership
Canon Reverend C. Bracegirdle – Chair, Bolton Faith Leaders
Forum
Mr. J. Fawcett – Chair, Healthwatch Bolton
Mr. C. Pinder – GM Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. S. McFarlane – Ladywood School
Dr. N. Ratnarajah – Chair, Bolton Clinical Commissioning
Group
Ms. S. Long – Chief Office, Bolton Clinical Commissioning
Group
Mr. P. Mason – Bolton Wanderers Community Trust

Councillor Baines in the Chair.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Active, Connected and Prosperous Board held on 26th January, 2021 were submitted and agreed as a correct record.

2. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Director of Place Services submitted a report which outlined the new co-designed Climate Change Strategy – A Joint Framework for Bolton to Act on the Climate Emergency (2021-2030) which had been approved by Cabinet in September, 2021.

Members were reminded that on a global scale, Governments were committing to take action on climate change and in 2016 the legally binding international treaty known as the Paris Agreement came into force. Its goal was to limit global warming to well below 2^{0C} and to pursue efforts to limit warming to -1^{0C} compared to pre-industrial levels. In 2018, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) produced a 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5^{0C}', which brought to light the scale and the urgency of the challenge and in 2019 the Climate Change committee set out a target for the UK to become net zero by 2050.

The report advised that local authorities and the public sector play a key role in achieving the UK's 2050 net zero target and over 300 councils in the UK had now declared a Climate Emergency and were committed to taking action locally to grow projects, jobs and skills and support communities to play their part in tackling climate change. Furthermore, Bolton Council recognised the enormous harm that a 2^{0C} average temperature rise in global temperatures was likely to cause and the duty for local governments to act and, as a result, Council on 29th August, 2019 declared a climate emergency which included action to:

- Make the Council's activities net-zero carbon by 2030;
- Achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030;
- Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions were in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030; and
- Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale.

A copy of the Climate Emergency Declaration resolution was detailed in Appendix A to the report.

In view of the above, Board members were advised that an integrated Climate Change Strategy had been co-designed by the 'Strong and Engaged Task and Finish Group' on behalf of the Bolton Vision Partnership, with governance and leadership being driven by Bolton Council and the 'Active, Connected and Prosperous Board'.

The Task and Finish Group had developed a joint framework document and associated delivery plan (which continues to be refined) for 2021-2030 entitled 'Bolton's Climate Change Strategy – A Joint Framework for Bolton to Act on the Climate Emergency (2021-2030)', with the aim of implementing a whole system approach for Bolton. The document sought to prioritise areas that both directly addressed and reduced the impact of the climate crisis, alongside reducing inequalities amongst people from all protected groups and those from more deprived socio-economic backgrounds. This nine year strategy was based upon a joint framework for delivery of action on climate change.

The report stated that to support the overarching aim, the framework was focussed on six key pillars across 5 cross cutting themes (communication, people, place, social value and prosperity and addressing inequalities) which were as follows, viz:-

1. Governance and Climate Leadership;
2. Homes, Communities, Health and Wellbeing;
3. Buildings, Transport and Operations;
4. Natural Environment, Climate Change, Resilience and Adaptation;
5. Skills for a Sustainable Future; and
6. Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Each of the six pillars would be underpinned by a high-level delivery plan with 32 metrics used to measure progress in delivering positive action on climate change. The priority areas

were summarised in the report along with the key priorities for the wider partnership.

It was also stated that notwithstanding the priorities as detailed in the report, a number of actions were already in progress and were reflected in the Climate Change Strategy as case study material and examples of these were also included in the report.

The report also outlined the financial and HR implications, with particular reference to the ambition of the strategy, the challenge of delivering net zero carbon by 2030 and both financial challenges and opportunities

Similarly, the report outlined the consultation which had been undertaken on the strategy and details of the findings from the consultation were provided in Appendix D to the report.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix B to the report and it was stated that specific proposals, brought forward as a result of the consultations, would be subject to individual EIA's, consultation and assessment procedures at the appropriate time, if required.

A copy of the Bolton Climate Change Strategy – A Joint Framework for Bolton to Act on the Climate Emergency (2021-2030) was appended to the report.

Resolved – That Bolton's Climate Change Strategy – A Joint Framework for Bolton to Act on the Climate Emergency (2021-2030), as now detailed, be noted and endorsed by the Board.

3. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which informed members of the progress of and future plans for Bolton's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Members were advised that a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was an assessment of the current and future health and social care needs of the local community. It should also consider wider factors that impacted on communities' health and wellbeing, views of the community and local assets that could help to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.

It was stated that the JSNA was an ongoing process made up of various projects and the project process was detailed in the appendix to the report.

The report also outlined those JSNA projects which had been completed to date, together with, other key pieces of work which were underway.

Members were also informed that in addition to the JSNA leadership and work programme, there were a number of significant areas of focus for Bolton's Intelligence Hub, which enabled and expanded the data and intelligence function, so that decisions could be evidence based and informed by comprehensive intelligence and details of these were also provided in the report.

Resolved – (i) That the progress and content of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, as detailed in the report, be approved.

(ii) That the progress of the wider intelligence function, as detailed in the report, be approved.

4. KEEPING BOLTON OPEN

The Director of Public Health gave a presentation to members which provided details in relation to the steps being taken to ensure Keeping Bolton Open.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- Safer Behaviours and Actions that reduce the spread of Covid-19;
- Bolton's position and situation as at 31st October, 2021 in terms of Epidemiology and Activity/impact on health and education;
- The key challenges;
- Measures to enable us to get through winter and deliver our business for our residents;
- The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Virus Pandemic Defence; and
- The Health Protection Board Position Statement;
- Education;
- Care homes;
- Workplaces; and
- Council's Business.

In conclusion, it was stated that by taking early intervention, it reduced the need for more stringent, disruptive and longer-lasting measures and keep Bolton Open for Business.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

(The meeting started at 3.00 p.m. and finished at 3.50 p.m.)