

Allocations Plan Duty to Cooperate

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FoDDC Allocations Plan note August 2015 Duty to Co operate

1.1 The duty to co operate is defined in NPPF and NPPG, in the former in paras 178 – 181 and in the latter under a heading of the same title. The NPPG in particular contains considerable material about the duty but essentially it states:

“The Duty to Cooperate requires authorities to work effectively on strategic planning matters that cross their administrative boundaries.”

A ‘Strategic matter’ is defined in the Act as:

(i) sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two local authority areas, including in particular development for or in connection with strategic infrastructure that would have a significant impact on at least two local authority areas; and

(ii) sustainable development or use of land in a two-tier area if the development or use is a county matter or would have a significant impact on a county matter

1.2 This duty can take a variety of forms and does not just cover the constituent LAs, but also the various bodies such as the EA, and EH.

1.3 At its most fundamental level the duty can mean joint working, for example on SHMA or similar strategic issues. Consultation is part of the duty but it does not require agreement.

1.4 In the case of Gloucestershire there is a high level of co- operation between the constituent LAs some of which is through joint working. This has been evident for a number of years in respect of key evidence that supports the strategic planning of the county. It is especially relevant in matters connected with housing.

1.5 In order to set out the way in which the Gloucestershire LAs co-operate there is a memorandum of understanding and a schedule which sets out current actions and the principle bodies involved. The memorandum and schedule are attached. It sets out the way in which the duty to cooperate is realised.

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Local Authorities

Name	Summary of contact	
Gloucester County Council	As upper tier LA- consultation and co- operation eg involvement in transport, minerals and regeneration issues	Joint studies eg SHMA covering strategic matters, meetings on a regular basis, plan liaison
Stroud DC	As neighbouring LA- consultation re plans applications etc,	
Tewkesbury BC	As neighbouring LA	
Gloucester City Council	As nearby LA no common boundaries	
Cotswold District Council	Gloucestershire LA no common boundaries	
Cheltenham Borough Council	Gloucestershire LA no common boundaries	
Monmouth County Council	Neighbouring LA, consultation re plans, co operation in respect of planning applications etc	
Hereford Council	As neighbouring LA consultation re plans and major applications etc	
Worcestershire County council/	As neighbouring LA consultation re plans and major applications etc	
South Gloucestershire Council	As neighbouring LA consultation re plans and major applications etc	

1.6 The schedule in particular is a detailed summary of joint working covering a great variety of issues and outcomes. The key areas are listed in the table below. The schedule covers some areas that may not be strategic but where there are contacts between authorities.

Subject	Nature of co operation	Cooperation with/ and what
overall	Joint LA groups addressing strategic issues (CSPIG/ GEGJC) planning and more general focus	Gloucestershire LAs but also other bodies as needed (eg HCA, LEP)

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overall	Joint LA group of planning policy officers principally involved in coordination of Local plans, also commissioning of studies eg OAN,	Gloucestershire LAs but with additional (eg adjoining authorities invited as required)
overall	FoDDC involvement with individual NDPs	Parish and town councils and GRCC
overall	Consulting and discussion with other non Gloucestershire LAs- includes comments on Plans and joint contact. Mainly in connection with strategic matters but also local issues (eg cross border at Chepstow/ Tutshill & Sedbury)	Adjoining Local Authorities, especially Monmouthshire, for but also Herefordshire and S Gloucestershire
Housing		
SHMA	County wide SHMAs and updates- uses single market area and county wide study as a basis for understanding housing market provision and affordable needs	Between LAs and involving housing developers, providers etc
SHLAA	Degree of common approach established by joint meetings and other contact- study of potential sites for housing provision	Between LAs to ensure compatible approach
OAN	Most recently a Joint study between Cotswold, FoDDC and Stroud which is compatible with and refers to JCS study/ studies for remainder of County	
GTSSA	Most recent 2013 County wide assessment, the second study at this level of traveller and showpeople's requirements	Between LAs to produce a county wide study, prepared by consultants
Employment/ economy	Participation in SEP and related studies- cooperation in respect of plan strategies mainly via officer and member groups.	Between LAs and with LEP as inputs for strategies and bids/

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Transport		
LTP	Ongoing review of LTP involving County Council and interested parties which include FoDDC	All LAs involved in joint formulation and discussion
LTB (Local Transport Board)	Joint body chiefly involved in transport capital funding, including bids for FoDDC	All LAs involved in similar manner,
GCC Transport	Joint involvement with GCC on other transport matters, including projects such as improvements to rail facilities, services and new infrastructure	All LAs involved, includes joint projects and those particular to FoDDC
Environment	Cooperation re LNP, Environmental data, etc to share information and achieve coordinated approach	LNP. GWT, other bodies
Other strategic matters	Eg major infrastructure (Oldbury power station)	Via policy group.
IDP	Jointly commissioned IDPs producing individual but compatible results for LAs.	IDP completed by consultants involving extensive discussions with providers
Environment Agency	Chiefly with regard to plan making and consultation on sites but also Lydney harbour Partnership (coordinated development of harbour)	On going contact regarding plan allocations
English Heritage/ Historic England	Contact as statutory consultee in respect of heritage issues	On going contact regarding plan allocations
Homes and communities Agency	Mainly in respect of implementation and development of housing sites for the AP area but also in respect of joint development projects at Cinderford (largely within the AAP).	As partners in development projects

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Natural England	Contact in plan making especially in respect of SEA/ HRA and Appropriate Assessment	On going through plan process
Coal Authority	Contact as statutory consultee for coalfield area	On going contact regarding plan allocations
AONB Partnerships	Contact and co operation in respect of AONB management	On going contact regarding plan allocations
Severn Estuary	Contact in respect of overall estuary issues- includes technical SAC interests (ASERA)	

1.7 The principle is that plans should be prepared in a manner that includes co-operation between relevant authorities. A summary of the bodies concerned and the nature of any co-operation relevant to the duty to co-operate is included in the above table.

1.8 The duty to co- operate is principally intended to work at a strategic level. In the FoDDC the key policies at a strategic level have largely been adopted in the CS with the support of the adjoining authorities. The overall strategy is supported by being compliant with the then assessments of housing and other requirements, but is also supported by the latest OAN joint study. The economic strategy is largely contained in the CS is supported by and compatible with the LEP and underpinned by funding bids and approvals which are supported by the LEP. The current review of transport infrastructure (LTP) focusses on the CS priorities of Cinderford and Lydney and the latest iteration of the strategy for Lydney is both supported by GCC and (in respect of a first phase) supported by approved funding.

1.9 The FoDDC is proposing to meet its requirements within the boundaries and without recourse to the need to make provision for development in adjoining areas. This is the situation in respect of neighbouring authorities, who within their co operation are working together but each adjoining plan makes or will make sufficient provision for its needs. Whilst the FoD will continue to discuss neighbouring plans these are supported as currently adopted or proposed.

1.10 For the period over which the AP has been prepared, and apart from regular contact between authorities joint working has featured as follows:

- Housing- OAN material- A joint study at the base of the update for Cotswold, Stroud and Forest of Dean has been prepared in a manner that is compatible with the JCS, thereby resulting in a compatible updated evidence base for housing need. Additional work is on going again on a joint basis for example to consider the implications of the latest population projections.

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- Housing SHMA- This has been updated most recently from 2013, in order to provide guidance that addresses the needs of the housing market area and takes account of the 2011 census figures. Previous SHMA have been prepared on a county wide basis since the first such study.
- Gypsy and traveller provision- A previous study provided the first county wide material but this has now been updated into the 2013 study which covers gypsies and travellers and also travelling showpeople. It identifies need for each district and provides profiles of when these will need to be met.
- Strategic Flood Risk- although dating from 2007 this study remains the basic assessment of strategic risk, providing a common reference.
- Each Gloucestershire has an Infrastructure Delivery Plan jointly commissioned and prepared to be compatible. The various IDPs provide a basis for the evaluation of the need for infrastructure and this includes the consideration of major infrastructure items that would serve more than one authority.
- The county wide economic strategy prepared in 2013/ 14 and provides a strategic background for economic planning and will inform future plans. It reflects the priorities of the FoD CS.

1.11 Gloucestershire Planning policy officers meet approximately six times per year and have a regular agenda discussing items of common interest. The attached MOU has been prepared as a guide to joint working and the more detailed schedule details the way in which the authorities co- operate.

1.12 Cooperation is required to focus on the strategic level and the FoDDC has been involved in the development of neighbouring plans, most notably the Joint CS prepared for neighbouring Tewkesbury, Gloucester and Cheltenham.

1.13 There is still a two tier local government in Gloucestershire and FoDDC is currently involved in the LTP process and in a review of the Lydney highway strategy. The Council made representations and will continue to be involved in the Minerals LP and also waste.

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Draft Memorandum of Understanding for Gloucestershire

1. Introduction

1.1 Local planning authorities are required by law, through the Localism Act 2011 to undertake a Duty to Co-operate to 'engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis' on planning matters that impact on more than one local planning area ('strategic planning matters'). Other public bodies are also subject to the Duty to Co-operate.

1.2 The duty is further amplified in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out the key 'strategic priorities' that should be addressed jointly, with further guidance on interpretation of the Duty set out in the national Planning Practice Guidance (nPPG)

1.3 A key output of the Duty to Co-operate is that it should produce effective and deliverable policies on strategic cross boundary matters. The NPPF suggests that a memorandum of understanding could be prepared to demonstrate evidence of local planning authorities having effectively cooperated.

2. Purpose and objectives

2.1 The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to set out how the signatories will comply with the Duty to Co-operate with respect to strategic planning and development issues within the administrative area of Gloucestershire and relevant adjoining areas.

2.2 The memorandum has the following broad objectives:

- a. To help secure a broad but consistent approach to strategic planning and development issues across Gloucestershire;
- b. To identify and manage spatial planning issues that impact on more than one local planning area across Gloucestershire;
- c. To ensure that the local planning and development policies prepared by each local planning authority are, where appropriate, informed by the views of other local planning authorities and public bodies across Gloucestershire;
- d. To ensure that decisions on major, larger than local planning applications are informed by the views of other local planning authorities and public bodies across Gloucestershire;
- e. To support better integration and alignment of strategic spatial and investment priorities across Gloucestershire, ensuring that there is a clear and defined route, where necessary, through the statutory local planning process.

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3. Scope

3.1 Each signatory will engage constructively, actively, expediently, and on an on-going basis in any process which involves the following:

- a. The preparation of Local Plans;
- b. The preparation of supplementary planning documents;
- c. Notification of and consultation on planning applications relating to strategic planning matters;
- d. Activities that support any of the above so far as they relate to sustainable development, the use of land for, or in connection with, strategic infrastructure that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.

3.2 The engagement required of signatories includes, in particular, considering whether to consult on and prepare, and enter into and publish, agreements on joint approaches where there are cross border issues and for local planning authorities considering whether to prepare joint development plan documents.

4. Status

4.1 This memorandum of understanding is an operational document. It is not a formally binding legal agreement.

4.2 The signatories individually and collectively agree to use all reasonable endeavours to comply with the terms and spirit of the memorandum of understanding.

4.3 The signatories recognise that there will not always be full agreement with respect to all of the issues on which they have agreed to co-operate, reflecting that the duty to cooperate is not a duty to agree. But local planning authorities should make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters.

4.4 This memorandum does not restrict the discretion of any of the signatories in the consideration of or determination of any planning application, or in the exercise of any of their statutory powers and duties, or in their response to consultations.

4.5 Agreement to or withdrawal from the memorandum of understanding does not remove a local authority's duty to co-operate pursuant to the Act.

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5. Parties

5.1 The following local planning authorities have signed this memorandum of understanding:

Cheltenham Borough Council
Cotswold District Council
Forest of Dean District Council
Gloucester City Council
Gloucestershire County Council (also as Highway Authority)
Stroud District Council
Tewkesbury Borough Council

5.2 Other agencies who will be invited to sign include:

Neighbouring planning authorities that share borders with any of the above councils
Environment Agency
English Heritage
Natural England
Civil Aviation Authority
Homes and Communities Agency
National Health Service Commissioning Board / Clinical commissioning groups
Office of the Rail Regulator
Highways Agency
Marine Management Organisation
Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership
Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership
Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership Board
Severn Trent Water
Thames Water Utilities Ltd

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6. Strategic planning

6.1 In line with the NPPF, all signatories want to deliver sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We want to work together to address strategic and cross-boundary issues. Specifically, relevant signatories will:

- a. agree those matters which are strategic in nature, based upon an appreciation of the wider demographic, economic, environmental and social context that affects the area, and up-to-date evidence of development needs across the area;
- b. continue to work together on producing joint evidence where it is the most efficient and effective approach;
- c. work together to assess the overall quantity, mix and broad distribution of development required within Gloucestershire, including its delivery through necessary strategic infrastructure;
- d. work together to consider whether, if objectively assessed housing needs arising from one area cannot be met wholly within that area, those unmet housing needs can be met, where it is reasonable to do so, elsewhere in the same Housing Market Area;
- e. work together to ensure that where strategic or local priorities, including infrastructure, which cross local boundaries within the County or relevant functional geography, signatories work collaboratively together to make sure they are clearly reflected in our individual plans;
- f. work together to resolve barriers to sustainable development;
- g. examine options to work together on joint plans where it is the most efficient and effective approach;
- h. work together to align the production of Local Plans where possible and where not possible in the short term, to agree mechanisms for the review of Local Plans to achieve alignment in the longer term;
- i. engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to deliver sustainable development; and
- j. ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place to take forward the
- k. commitments in this memorandum.

7. Strategic issues and priorities

7.1 The signatories are currently working together, with other bodies, on the following strategic issues. We agree to continue this partnership working and to extend this where appropriate to other bodies:

- Identifying shared priorities for strategic infrastructure investment and how to co-ordinate the implementation of the Community Infrastructure levy

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- Working with the Local Enterprise Partnership to reflect the Strategic Economic Plan and spatial strategies for growth in local plans and programmes
- Encourage inward investment and employment opportunities, for example by jointly promoting strategic employment sites.
- Adapting to and mitigating climate change, including through the development of a Gloucestershire energy fund
- Improving transport links, including the development of major transport schemes, upgrading rail and bus facilities, extending the cycling network
- Meeting housing needs within the Gloucestershire Strategic Housing Market Area, addressing homelessness and implementing the Supporting People Strategy
- Co-ordinating the delivery of rural housing schemes
- Supporting rural communities to prepare plans for their future development
- Jointly promoting Gloucestershire as a tourism destination
- Supporting and facilitating rural broadband development
- Developing and implementing a Gloucestershire green infrastructure strategy and ecological network
- Protecting biodiversity resources including managing recreational pressure from visitors
- Coordinating policy and management programmes to deliver improvements to the Cotswolds/Wye Valley/Malvern Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Managing the Severn Estuary shoreline including addressing the risks from erosion and flooding

8. Liaison arrangements

8.1 Each local planning authority will be responsible for preparing and adopting their own Local Plan and supplementary planning documents and setting up their own governance arrangements to facilitate this. Where local planning authorities agree to prepare joint plans, joint governance arrangements will be put in place.

8.2 The Countywide Strategic Planning Issues Group (CSPIG), consisting of senior officers and councillors from all local planning authorities and other relevant bodies, will meet regularly to discuss strategic and cross-boundary matters across Gloucestershire and will make recommendations to decision taking bodies within each local planning authority on how to take forward the commitments within this memorandum.

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8.3 The County Planning Officers Group (CPOG), consisting of planning officers from all local planning authorities, will meet every two months to provide technical support and advice to CSPIG on strategic and cross-boundary matters. CPOG will monitor the production of Local Plans and supplementary planning documents across Gloucestershire and will examine opportunities for day to day co-operation.

8.4 All meetings will be minuted to provide ongoing evidence of co-operation.

8.5 All signatories will work together to ensure effective liaison with Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLEP).

9. Consultation arrangements

9.1 Each local planning authority signatory will:

- a. Notify the signatories in advance of each consultation stage in the preparation of its Local Plan;
- b. Notify the signatories of consultation on any other planning document which, in its view, would have a significant impact on strategic planning or development within the Gloucestershire area;
- c. If requested, meet with and discuss any issues raised by one or more of the other signatories and take into account any views expressed on those issues;
- d. Notify the signatories of any major planning applications, from within its area or on which it is consulted by a local authority from outside its area, which would, in its view, have a significant impact on the strategic planning and development of the Gloucestershire area;
- e. Take into account any views expressed in determining the application.

10. Planning agreements

10.1 Local planning authority signatories will seek to enter into formal agreement with each other demonstrating their long term commitment to a jointly agreed strategy on cross boundary matters. These agreements will be submitted to Inspectors examining relevant Local Plans.

11. Dispute resolution

11.1 There may be times when the signatories to this memorandum cannot reach agreement. This may be perfectly acceptable. The duty to cooperate does not mean that all agencies always have to agree. It is important to have mechanisms for dealing with such disputes. If resolution cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the CSPIG. CSPIG will liaise with other appropriate signatories to consider if the issue can be resolved before referral to individual signatory organisations for their own resolution.

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12 Timescales and termination

12.1 This memorandum is intended to run initially for a two year period from January 2015 but will be reviewed in January 2016 to establish how effective it has been.

12.2 This memorandum should be read in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Duty to Co-operate Schedule, which is a live document, updated periodically by the County Planning Officer Group to:

- to identify the strategic planning issues affecting more than one local authority in the Gloucestershire area;
- to define the processes for taking these issues forward; and
- to document outcomes delivered.

12.3 Any of the signatories may withdraw from this memorandum at any time. Any such withdrawal should be notified in writing to the County Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Group.

Signatories

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Gloucestershire Duty to Cooperate Schedule - November 2013

The Localism Act (2011) ⁽¹⁾ introduced the ‘Duty to Co-operate’ and inserted a new section 33A into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act to make this a legal duty. The duty requires local authorities, county councils and public bodies to ‘engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis relating to the use or development of land or infrastructure which would impact on two or more planning areas.

This schedule covers the six district authorities within Gloucestershire;

- Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC)
- Cotswold District Council (CDC)
- Forest of Dean District Council (FoD)
- Gloucester City Council (GCC)
- Stroud District Council (SDC)
- Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC)

Gloucestershire County Council (GoCC) has statutory plan making responsibilities for minerals, waste and transport planning matters, and is covered by the duty as a County Council in a two tier area.

Local authorities are required to work with neighbouring authorities and other ‘prescribed bodies’⁽²⁾ in order to maximise the effectiveness of the preparation of their development plan documents and supporting activities insofar as it relates to a strategic matter.

The prescribed bodies relevant to Gloucestershire are;

- Environment Agency (EA)
- English Heritage (EH)
- Natural England (NE)
- Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)
- Primary Care Trust (PCT)

1 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/section/110/enacted>

2 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/regulation/4/made>

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- Highways Agency (HA)
- Gloucestershire Highway authority (GHA)
- Office of Rail Regulation (ORR)
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

The Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership are both prescribed bodies covered by a different section of the Act.

Purpose

The purpose of this schedule is:

- to **identify the strategic planning issues** affecting more than one local authority in the Gloucestershire area;
- to **define the processes** for taking these issues forward; and
- to **document outcomes** delivered.

This will provide a framework to ensure effective co-operation throughout the plan-making process.

The schedule will ensure strategic issues are concisely and consistently recorded, regularly monitored and updated and reported through each authority's monitoring reports. The schedule takes stock of work to date and is intended to be a living document recording how the Gloucestershire authorities have achieved compliance with the duty to co-operate as part of fulfilling their strategic planning responsibilities in preparing and keeping under review their local plan delivery programmes. It is intended to supplement rather than replace, any additional Duty to Co-operate Statements that the district councils may wish to prepare. It is also the case that the Duty to Co-Operate is furthered by informal meetings and communications between parties on a regular basis, not all of which fall within this schedule.

Co-operation with neighbouring authorities

The Gloucestershire authorities work with neighbouring authorities including where appropriate the Welsh Government on a range of cross boundary issues. These issues will also be captured on the schedule.

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Local authorities bordering Gloucestershire

- **County councils** Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire
- **Unitary authorities** Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire
- **District councils** Malvern Hills, Stratford upon Avon, Vale of White Horse, West Oxfordshire, Wychavon

Policy preparation and implementation

Theme	Issue and outcome/benefit	Local authorities and partners	Actions to date/proposed	Action by which body	Timeframe	Outcome
Co-ordination of strategic plans and infrastructure delivery	Identification of shared priorities, investment opportunities and co-ordination of plan and infrastructure planning and delivery	CSPIG ⁽³⁾ CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration of County wide Community Infrastructure Levy 2. To consider the prioritisation of infrastructure investment on a county wide basis 	CSPIG CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By April 2015 (pending latest consultaion outcomes) 2. Work commencing November 2013 	<p>Expected – decision on countywide approach to CIL</p> <p>Agreed prioritisation for strategic infrastructure items for the County</p>

3 County Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Group. A group of Chief Executives and relevant lead members from each district authority and County Council. The Group is accountable to Leadership Gloucestershire and supported by County Planning Officers Group (CPOG).

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Gloucestershire Growth Plan	Gloucestershire wide strategy for economic growth to secure funding for delivery	CSPIG CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC Gloucestershire First HCA LEP	3. Input into Gloucestershire Growth Plan – Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	1. Progress report Oct 13 2. Draft headlines Dec 2013 3. Final submission March 2014	Expected – County wide growth plan supported by all districts to secure domestic & EU funding
Joint Core Strategy	Joint working on a core strategy to consider cross boundary issues	CBC, GCC, TBC GoCC	Preparation of Draft Joint Core Strategy to consider the cross boundary relationships which exist between the three authorities. This work is supported by terms of reference and a defined programme structure, including a Joint Members Steering Group. There is a system of joint officer working overseen by a joint programme manager.	CBC, GCC, TBC	Pre-submission Spring 2014 Submission to SoS August 2014 Expected adoption Dec 2014	Joint Core Strategy and supporting evidence base

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Local Transport Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of LTP 2. Joint working to identify future priorities for LTP 	<p>CBC,CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>LEP,HA, Network Rail, Rail & Bus operators</p>	LTP review to review and revise local policies and revise the LTP delivery plan	GCC	2013/14	Joint delivery of agreed programme of LTP schemes,
Minerals Core Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-ordinated approach 	<p>CBC,CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p>	Local planning authorities consulted on core strategy site options document	CBC,CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	December 2013/January 2014	
Waste Core Strategy	Implementation of waste core strategy to ensure sufficient strategic waste facilities are provided	<p>CBC,CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>EA, waste industry</p>	<p>Local plans to reflect waste core strategy and show allocations on proposal maps</p> <p>Local planning authorities consulted on planning applications</p> <p>Regular monitoring of the provision of waste facilities through Monitoring Reports</p>	CBC,CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>December annually</p>	

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Co-ordination of Local Plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify strategic issues for collaboration 2. To identify cross boundary issues for collaboration 3. To ensure consistency 	<p>CPOG (County Planning Officers Group)</p> <p>CBC, CDC, FOD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p>	To keep under review	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Bimonthly meetings	<p>Shared work programmes and outputs eg SHMA.GTSAA and IDP</p> <p>Shared expertise and good practice eg SHLA methodology , neighbourhood planning and file sharing system</p> <p>Developing work on DTC statements and MoU</p>
Natural Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that all strategic plans in Gloucestershire contribute to delivering the LNP mission 2. To support and foster inclusive 	<p>Local Nature Partnership (and district rep on the Board)</p> <p>CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of Local Nature Partnership 2. Development of GLNP Work Plan 2013-14 	<p>CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>LEP, Glos Health and Well Being Board,</p>	Completed April 2013	OUTCOME?

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	geographic and thematic partnerships	LEP, Glos Health and Well Being Board, Cotswold Conservation Board, NE, etc.		Cotswold Conservation Board, NE, etc.		
		Local authority and planning biodiversity group CBC, CDC, FoD, GCC, GCC, SDC, TBC				OUTCOME?
Cotswold AONB	Co-ordinated response to protect landscape quality	Cotswolds Conservation Board CBC, CDC, GoCC, SDC, TBC NE Oxfordshire, Somerset, Warwickshire and Wiltshire authorities	1. Development of Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2013-18. 2. Development of complementary policies and interpretation through Local Plans.	Cotswolds Conservation Board CBC, CDC, GoCC, SDC, TBC	Completed Ongoing	OUTCOME?

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Wye Valley AONB	Co-ordinated response to protect landscape quality	GCC , FoD, Monmouthshire, Herefordshire	1. Development of AONB Management Plan.	AONB management body		
Malvern Hills AONB	Co-ordinated response to protect landscape quality	Malvern Hills DC, FoD, GCC	1. Development of AONB Management Plan.	AONB management body		
Affordable housing	Co-ordinated work on affordable housing issues	Gloucestershire Homes and Communities Group CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC Supporting People Partnership Board. Member and officer reps from all authorities	Joint response to meeting housing needs and homelessness including cross-boundary Housing Market Partnerships, specific task and finish groups around older person's housing, housing for people with specific needs or disabilities, gypsies and travellers.	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Ongoing	Shared evidence base –SHMA and GTSAA ; provides the basis for consistent statutory planning policies
Rural housing	Co-ordinated delivery of rural housing schemes	Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership CDC, FoD, SDC, TBC. Registered providers.	Joint funding of Rural Housing Enabler to undertake local needs surveys and bring forward rural affordable housing sites.	CDC, FoD, SDC, TBC. Registered providers.	Ongoing	OUTCOME?

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		Gloucestershire Rural Community Council		Gloucestershire Rural Community Council		
Tourism	Joint promotion of Cotswolds as tourism destination.	Cotswolds tourism CBC, CDC, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC. GFirst Cotswolds AONB	Production of annual Visitor Guide and specific thematic promotion initiatives. Guidance and support to tourism businesses. Local assessment scheme for accommodation standards.	CBC, CDC, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC. GFirst Cotswolds AONB	Ongoing	OUTCOME?
Housing delivery	Joint commissioning of housing related support for vulnerable households	Supporting People Core Strategy Group CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Implementation of Supporting People Strategy. Response to reduced funding by recommissioning services countywide	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Ongoing	OUTCOME?
Rural services	A partnership of public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations aiming to identify	Rural Services Support Group GRCC, Rural Shops Alliance, Co-Operative Futures, Post Office	Information exchange on rural issues, including broadband development, post offices, village shops.	GRCC, Rural Shops Alliance, Co-Operative Futures, Post Office Ltd, FSB GoCC, CDC, TBC, SDC, FoD. GFirst	Ongoing	OUTCOME?

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	and address issues affecting rural services in Gloucestershire	Ltd, FSB GoCC, CDC, TBC, SDC, FoD. GFirst				
Climate Change	A cross sector panel identifying risks and appropriate responses	Climate Change Panel SDC representing District CEOs, GoCC, GWT, Glos First/LEP, Business reps, Glos NHS, Education rep, EA	To assess climate change impacts on Gloucestershire and to maintain an overview of adaptation, mitigation and resilience measures			OUTCOME?

Evidence Base preparation and monitoring

Theme	Issue and outcome/benefit	Local authorities and partners	Actions to date/proposed	Action by which body	Timeframe	Outcome
Sub regional housing requirements	To ensure the evidence base on housing needs across Gloucestershire is consistent, robust and NPPF compliant	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC Affordability Model: Heriott Watt University	1. Undertake Gloucestershire	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Gloucestershire Housing evidence review complete 2011	GCC Report 2010

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			<p>wide housing evidence review</p> <p>2. Production of a county wide affordability model</p>	Heriott Watt University	Gloucestershire Affordability Model complete 2011. Updated October 2013	<p>Housing Trend Analysis and Household and Population Projections Report May 2011</p> <p>Gloucestershire Affordability Model</p>
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	NPPF compliant Strategic Housing Market Assessment to consider objectively assessed need across housing market area	<p>CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>HCA, Registered providers, Development Industry,</p> <p>Consultant: SDH</p>	<p>Undertake County wide Strategic Housing Market Assessment</p> <p>Consideration of additional work to ensure compliant with NPPF?</p>	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	<p>Final Draft October 2013. Stakeholder consultation Nov 2013</p> <p>Publication Dec 2013?</p> <p>Further work?</p>	Shared SHMA agreed by all 6 authorities
Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	To ensure the evidence base on needs across Gloucestershire is consistent, robust and national policy compliant	<p>CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>Consultants: Opinion Research Services</p>	1. Undertake Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	1. GTAA complete October 2013	Identification of need across the Gloucestershire area for Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople

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Environmental resources	Co-ordinated approach	Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records CBC, CDC, FoD, GCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	1. Selection of local wildlife sites			OUTCOME?
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Site or scheme specific project

Theme	Issue and outcome/benefit	Local authorities and partners	Actions to date/proposed	Action by which body	Timeframe	Outcome
Nuclear decommissioning (Oldbury, Berkeley)	To ensure proposals take account of local employment and regeneration priorities	SDC, SGDC	Attendance at Magnox/RSRL Competition event		April 2013	OUTCOME?
Cotswolds Water Park	To ensure consistent approach to CWP policies.	CDC, GoCC, Wiltshire, Swindon, West Oxfordshire	Workshop event to look at issues and policy development December 2013.	CDC, Wiltshire	Ongoing	Identify issues and coordinated way forward.
Severn Barrage	?	?	?	?	?	?

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Major transport proposals	Junction 10 all-ways Air balloon roundabout	CBC, CDC, FoD, GCoC, GCC, SDC, TBC LEP HA GHA	Meetings held with HA to discuss the viability of making Junction 10 of the M5.??? ???? Transport modelling of JCS proposals	? TBC,GCC,CBC and Glos County Council	Ongoing Nov13-March 2014	Comprehensive assessment of transport implications of levels of growth set out in draft JCS
Strategic cycleways		Sustrans				
Flood mitigation		CBC, CDC, FoD, GCC, SDC, TBC GCoC as LLFA EA	?	?	?	?
Coastal change management		MMO	?	?	?	?
ASERA (Association of Severnside Relevant authorities)	Co ordination of management of issues specific to Severn Estuary SAC	All LAs NE, Welsh	Joint cover of SAC management- annual meeting		ongoing	OUTCOME?
SEP (Severn estuary partnership)	Co ordination of issues specific to Severn Estuary	All LAs, NE English and Welsh Authorities, EA	Exchange of information and co ordination- annual meeting		ongoing	OUTCOME?

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Infrastructure/Utility providers

Theme	Issue and outcome/benefit	Local authorities and partners	Actions to date/proposed	Action by which body	Timeframe	Outcome
Co-ordination of infrastructure delivery planning	Identification of infrastructure planning and delivery to ensure consistent approach on a county wide basis	<p>CSPIG</p> <p>CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC</p> <p>Utility & Infrastructure providers</p>	<p>County wide commission of Infrastructure delivery plans to follow same methodology and approach to the infrastructure needs of the districts and JCS authorities.</p> <p>Infrastructure providers have played an active role through their input into the preparation of the individual IDPs. This includes utility providers, HA, GHA, GoCC for education, libraries, blue light services,etc</p>	CBC, CDC, FoD, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC	Phased delivery & individual timeframes for the districts	<p>Cotswold</p> <p>Stroud</p> <p>JCS: Interim overview and interim main reports Oct 2013</p>

