

APPENDIX C: Glos. MOU (including the Gloucestershire Duty to Co-operate Schedule)

NB: Gloucestershire partners are currently in the process of agreeing a revised MOU for period 2017 to 2019. This will also include an update to the schedule.

Strategic Planning and Development Issues Memorandum of Understanding for Gloucestershire

1. Introduction

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- 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.

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.

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

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 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
- 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 tourism brands within Gloucestershire;
- 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 Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) consisting of senior officers and councillors from all local planning authorities and other relevant bodies (including any relevant supporting governance structure), meet regularly to discuss strategic and cross-boundary matters across Gloucestershire and will take decisions or make recommendations to decision taking bodies within each local planning authority on how to take forward the commitments within this memorandum.
- 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 GEGJC or related governance structure 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 GEGJC (or relevant governance structure) who will liaise with other appropriate signatories to consider if the issue can be resolved before referral to individual signatory organisations for their own resolution.

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 Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC).

Gloucestershire Duty to Cooperate Schedule - November 2013 (Updated at January 2014 - TBC)

The Localism Act (2011)² 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'³ 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)
- Highways Agency (HA)
- Gloucestershire Highway authority (GHA)

² <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/section/110/enacted>

³ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/regulation/4/made>

- 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.

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 ⁴ All Gloucestershire Districts & County	<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 All Gloucestershire Districts & County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By April 2015 (pending latest consultation 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>
Gloucestershire Growth Plan	Gloucestershire wide strategy for economic growth to secure funding for delivery	CSPIG All Gloucestershire Districts & County Gloucestershire First/LEP HCA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Input into Gloucestershire Growth Plan – Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) 	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	CBC, GCC, TBC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-submission Spring 2014 Submission to SoS August 2014 Expected adoption Dec 2014 	Joint Core Strategy and supporting evidence base

⁴ 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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			working overseen by a joint programme manager.			
Local Transport Plan	1.Implementation of LTP 2.Joint working to identify future priorities for LTP	All Gloucestershire Districts & County GFirst/LEP,HA, Network Rail, Rail & Bus operators	LTP review to review and revise local policies and revise the LTP delivery plan	GoCC	2013/14	Joint delivery of agreed programme of LTP schemes
Minerals Core Strategy	1. Co-ordinated approach	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	Local planning authorities consulted on core strategy site options document	GoCC	1. December 2013/January 2014	Minerals Core Strategy and supporting evidence base.
Waste Core Strategy	Implementation of waste core strategy to ensure sufficient strategic waste facilities are provided	All Gloucestershire Districts & County EA, waste industry	Local plans to reflect waste core strategy and show allocations on proposal maps Local planning authorities consulted on planning applications Regular monitoring of the provision of waste facilities through Monitoring Reports	GoCC	Ongoing Ongoing December annually	Waste Core Strategy and supporting evidence base.
Co-ordination of Local Plans	1. To identify strategic issues for collaboration 2. To identify cross boundary issues for collaboration	CPOG (County Planning Officers Group) All Gloucestershire Districts & County	To keep under review	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	Bimonthly meetings	Shared work programmes and outputs e.g. SHMA.GTSAA and IDP Shared expertise and

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	3. To ensure consistency					good practice eg SHLAA methodology , neighbourhood planning and file sharing system Developing work on DTC statements and MoU
Natural Environment	1. To ensure that all strategic plans in Gloucestershire contribute to delivering the Local Nature Partnership mission 2. To support and foster inclusive geographic and thematic partnerships	Local Nature Partnership (and district rep on the Board) All Gloucestershire Districts & County GFirst/LEP, Gloucestershire Health and Well Being Board, Cotswold Conservation Board, NE, etc.	1. Creation of Local Nature Partnership 2. Development of GLNP Work Plan 2013-14	All Gloucestershire Districts & County LEP, Gloucestershire Health and Well Being Board, Cotswold Conservation Board, NE, etc.	Completed April 2013	To improve the prospects for Gloucestershire's natural environment while demonstrating its vital role in our health & well-being, its significant contribution to a thriving economy and to a better quality of life for all.
Natural Environment	Developing a county-wide framework for biodiversity conservation with a focus on spatial Strategic Nature Areas. Ensuring a strategic approach to conservation	Local authority and planning biodiversity group Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership All	Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Gloucestershire Nature Map (GNM)	All Gloucestershire Districts & County		Up to date BAP and GNM to provide strategic direction for nature and biodiversity conservation and enhancement.

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	and enhancement.	Gloucestershire Districts & County				
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	Up to date Cotswolds AONB Management Plan to provide the approach to AONB as set out in 2004 Countryside and Rights of Way Act
Wye Valley AONB	Co-ordinated response to protect landscape quality	GCC , FoD, Monmouthshire, Herefordshire	1. Development of AONB Management Plan.	AONB management body		Up to date Cotswolds AONB Management Plan to provide the approach to AONB as set out in 2004 Countryside and Rights of Way Act
Malvern Hills AONB	Co-ordinated response to protect landscape quality	Malvern Hills DC, FoD, GCC	1. Development of AONB Management Plan.	AONB management body		Up to date Cotswolds AONB Management Plan to provide the approach to AONB as set out in 2004 Countryside and Rights of Way Act
Affordable housing	Co-ordinated work on affordable housing issues	Gloucestershire Homes and Communities Group	Joint response to meeting housing needs and homelessness including cross-boundary Housing	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	Ongoing	Shared evidence base –SHMA and GTSAA ; provides the basis for consistent statutory

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		All Gloucestershire Districts & County Supporting People Partnership Board. Member and officer reps from all authorities.	Market Partnerships, specific task and finish groups around older person's housing, housing for people with specific needs or disabilities, gypsies and travellers.			planning policies
Rural housing	Co-ordinated delivery of rural housing schemes	Gloucestershire Rural Housing Partnership CDC, FoD, SDC, TBC. Registered providers. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council	Joint funding of Rural Housing Enabler to undertake local needs surveys and bring forward rural affordable housing sites.	CDC, FoD, SDC, TBC. Registered providers. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council	Ongoing	Joint working to ensure the provision of quality, affordable, secure homes that enhance and benefit the wider rural community.
Tourism	Joint promotion of Cotswolds as tourism destination.	Cotswolds tourism CBC, CDC, GoCC, GCC, SDC, TBC. GFirst/LEP 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	Support the development of tourism and increase its value to the Cotswold economy.
Housing	Joint	Supporting	Implementation of	All	Ongoing	Equipping vulnerable

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delivery	commissioning of housing related support for vulnerable households	People Core Strategy Group All Gloucestershire Districts	Supporting People Strategy. Response to reduced funding by re-commissioning services countywide	Gloucestershire Districts		people with the skills to be able to live independently.
Rural services	A partnership of public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations aiming to identify and address issues affecting rural services in Gloucestershire	Rural Services Support Group Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC), Rural Shops Alliance, Co-Operative Futures, Post Office Ltd, Federation of Small Businesses GoCC, CDC, TBC, SDC, FoD. GFirst/LEP	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	Partnership working to support and enhance services in the rural areas.
Climate Change	A cross sector panel identifying risks and appropriate responses	Climate Change Panel SDC representing District CEOs, GoCC, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust GWT, Gloucestershire	To assess climate change impacts on Gloucestershire and to maintain an overview of adaptation, mitigation and resilience measures		Ongoing	Strategic working on climate change issues across the County, working in partnership to support the transition to a low carbon, resilient county.

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		First/LEP, Business reps, Glos NHS, Education rep, EA				

Evidence Base preparation and monitoring

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Sub regional housing requirements	To ensure the evidence base on housing needs across Gloucestershire is consistent, robust and NPPF compliant	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Gloucestershire Affordability Model: Heriott Watt University	1. Undertake Gloucestershire wide housing evidence review 2. Production of a county wide affordability model	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Heriott Watt University	Gloucestershire Housing evidence review complete 2011 Gloucestershire Affordability Model complete 2011. Updated October 2013	GCC Report 2010 Housing Trend Analysis and Household and Population Projections Report May 2011 Gloucestershire Affordability Model
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	NPPF compliant Strategic Housing Market Assessment to consider objectively assessed need across housing market area	All Gloucestershire Districts HCA, Registered providers, Development Industry, Consultant:	1. Undertake County wide Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2. Consideration of additional work to ensure compliant with NPPF?	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	Final Draft October 2013. Stakeholder consultation Nov 2013 Publication Feb 2014 Additional work being commissioned	Shared SHMA agreed by all 6 authorities

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		SDH			by JCS authorities	
Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	To ensure the evidence base on needs across Gloucestershire is consistent, robust and national policy compliant	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Consultants: Opinion Research Services	1. Undertake Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	GTAA complete October 2013	Identification of need across the Gloucestershire area for Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople
Environmental resources	Co-ordinated approach	Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records All Gloucestershire Districts & County	1. Selection of local wildlife sites			Provision of an up to date record of environmental assets within the County

Site or scheme specific project

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Nuclear decommissioning (Oldbury, Berkeley)	To ensure proposals take account of local employment and regeneration priorities	SDC, SGDC, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	Attendance at Magnox/RSRL Competition event Continued retrieval of active waste vaults and other intermediate		April 2013 Ongoing	Decommissioning and termination of former nuclear site.

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			level waste.			
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	Proposal to construct barrage across the Severn Estuary. Sustainable energy generation potential.	All Gloucestershire Districts & County, DEFRA, NE, EA, Welsh Authorities, UK Government	Business case, feasibility and viability studies produced for barrage proposal. Currently rejected by Government – economic and environmental concerns.		Not currently being progressed.	
Major transport proposals	M5 Junction 10 all-ways A417 'missing link' Air balloon roundabout	All Gloucestershire Districts & County GFirst/LEP Highways Agency (HA) GHA	Draft LEP Strategic Economic Plan includes proposal for making Junction 10 of the M5 'all ways' and improving the Air Balloon roundabout. Meetings held with HA to discuss the viability of making Junction 10 of the M5.	GFirst/LEP, All Gloucestershire Districts & County, HA	Ongoing	Comprehensive assessment of major transport proposals. Assessment of the traffic implications of the level of growth set out in the JCS. Assessing the viability and deliverability of J10 and Air Balloon roundabout proposals.
Strategic Cycleways	Improving cycling infrastructure across the County.	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Sustrans	Gloucestershire LTP	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	April 2011	Enhancement of cycling infrastructure and increasing journeys made by bike.
Flood Mitigation	Ensuring new	All	Strategic Flood Risk	All	December 2007	Up to date development

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	development is located in areas not liable to flood Ensuring flood infrastructure and mitigation is in place to adequately protect from the thread of flooding.	Gloucestershire Districts & County as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) EA	Assessment – Level 1 LA development plans and SFRA Level 2	Gloucestershire Districts & County All Gloucestershire Districts	Ongoing	plans with appropriate flood risk information and mitigation policies.
Coastal Change Management	Ensuring a sustainable future for coastal and offshore waters through managing and balancing the many activities, resources and assets in our marine environment.	Marine Management Organisation All Gloucestershire Districts & County DEFRA	Marine Plans for the Welsh and South West marine planning areas.	Welsh Government DEFRA	Ongoing	Marine Plans and supporting evidence base.
Association of Severnside Relevant Authorities (ASERA)	Co-ordination of management of issues specific to Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Natural England Welsh Authorities	Joint cover of SAC management- annual meeting	All Gloucestershire Districts & County Natural England Welsh Authorities	Ongoing	Partnership work to discharge statutory duties in respect of the nature conservation designations on the Severn Estuary.
Severn Estuary Partnership (SEP)	Co ordination of issues specific to Severn Estuary	All Gloucestershire Districts & County, NE, EA, Welsh	Exchange of information and co ordination- annual meeting	All Gloucestershire Districts & County, NE, EA, Welsh	Ongoing	Promote the sustainable management of the Severn Estuary and its surroundings; enhancing and protecting the area for the benefit of the

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		Authorities		Authorities		community, the environment and the economy.

Infrastructure/Utility providers

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Co-ordination of infrastructure delivery planning	Identification of infrastructure planning and delivery to ensure consistent approach on a county wide basis	CSPIG All Gloucestershire Districts & County Utility & Infrastructure providers	County wide commission of Infrastructure delivery plans to follow same methodology and approach to the infrastructure needs of the districts and JCS authorities. 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	All Gloucestershire Districts & County	Phased delivery & individual timeframes for the districts	Cotswold Stroud JCS: Interim overview and interim main reports Oct 2013