

## **Divisions Affected – All**

# **OXFORDSHIRE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**21 November 2024**

## **Update on the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board Restructuring Proposals**

**Report by Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**1. The Committee is recommended to: -**

1.1 **NOTE** the verbal update provided by the Executive Director (People) in relation to the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) restructuring proposals

1.2 **CONFIRM** its support for the request submitted to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care for the call-in in relation to the proposed BOB ICB restructuring plans.

### **Executive Summary**

2. On 02 August 2024 the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) convened for an extraordinary meeting to consider a report on the BOB ICB's restructuring proposals and new operating model, specifically to determine whether these proposals constituted a 'substantial change' and, if so, whether it was necessary to request that the Secretary of State intervene via his powers of call-in. At that meeting it was agreed that the proposals and new operating model did constitute a substantial change. However, the decision to request a call-in was deferred to allow more time for a locally-agreed solution to be brokered.

3. At its 12 September meeting, the HOSC were updated on attempts to broker a local solution and determined that progress was insufficient. As such, it was agreed to make a request to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to request he call-in BOB ICB's restructuring proposals. This was submitted online on 23 September 2024.

4. The committee is requested to re-confirm the submission.

5. Since the call-in, multiple stakeholders have continued to seek to work with BOB ICB to identify a compromise solution. The Executive Director (People) at the County Council is one of these key stakeholders and will provide a verbal update to the committee on the current situation.

## Corporate Priorities

6. Improving health and wellbeing of residents and reducing health inequalities are stated ambitions within the Council's Strategic Plan.

## Legal Implications

7. Regulations 23(9), 23(10) and 23(11) of The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 set out the conditions that a report to the Secretary of State must satisfy.

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## Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report as the committee is being updated and asked to confirm its support for actions already taken, for which there were no direct financial implications.

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Annex: 1. Copy of the call-in request made to the Secretary of State

Background papers: None

Other Documents: None

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