

## **GEG (& Recovery) Scrutiny Group 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The June meeting was more of an introduction/training session for new members rather than a 'business' meeting. Nonetheless, there was much useful background. Thanks to COVID, the session (not being Decision Making) was virtual, so was recorded. It is a good introduction to many of the key players in Gloucestershire.

The full agenda and papers are here:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=731&MIId=10203>

A new 'Economic Dashboard' was presented, showing the major trends in activity around the County. This will be improved over time with additional elements being presented.

At **11 minutes in**, Gillian Parkinson (Legal Officer) gives an overview of the Terms of Reference of the Group and the Role of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee.

The recording is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMJKkhDF9p4>

As you will see, Cllr Matt Babbage is now chair. The main speakers, and topics, with timings on the video are here:

- a) **GFirst LEP (Annex C)** **17 minutes in**  
David Owen, Chief Executive
  
- b) **Gloucestershire County Council (Annex D)** **1hr 5 minutes**  
Colin Chick, Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure
  
- c) **Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) (to include the role of the six district councils)** **1hr 46 minutes**  
Mike Dawson, Chair of the GEGJC Senior Officer Group (i.e. the six District CEOs)
  
- d) **THE SKILLS AGENDA FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE** An update on the joint work between GCC and the GFirst LEP on skills and employment in the county, particularly in respect of economic recovery. **2hrs 1 minute**

As ever, the most informative aspect was Colin Chick's Director's Report, a pot-pourri of all the significant projects that are happening around the County over the next six months – many of which impact Cheltenham:

[https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s71622/Directors%20Report%20EEI%20Scrutiny%20-%20May%202021 .pdf](https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s71622/Directors%20Report%20EEI%20Scrutiny%20-%20May%202021.pdf)

As this meeting was virtual (and so non-decision making), it was not possible to appoint a vice-chair for the committee. At the time of writing, it is not clear whether future meetings will be physical. If that is the case, the proceedings will cease to be recorded.

During the discussion, a number of the questions raised resulted in the following additional information being provided after the meeting (all worth looking at):

- GFirst LEP Youth Survey report: <https://www.gfirstlep.com/downloads/2019/gfirst-lep-youth-survey-2019v2.pdf>
- Local Transport Plan: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/gloucestershires-local-transport-plan-2020-2041/>  
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- Fastershire Broadband: <https://www.fastershire.com/>  
(officer contact Angela Presdee: [Angela.Presdee@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Angela.Presdee@gloucestershire.gov.uk))
- Gloucestershire's skills portal: [www.skillsportalglos.com](http://www.skillsportalglos.com)  
(officer contact Pete Carr: [peter.carr@gfirstlep.com](mailto:peter.carr@gfirstlep.com))

Regards

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