

## GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL JOINT ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2015

### DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions and recommendations taken at the Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly held on Friday, 6 March 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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### PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE

The Joint Assembly **RECOMMENDED** to the Executive Board that it approves funding, in principle, of £200,000 in 2015/16 and £200,000 in 2016/17 to support the establishment of a City Deal Housing Development Vehicle, subject to further details being made available on the business case and the specification of personnel required to establish the Joint Development Vehicle.

### GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2015/16

The Joint Assembly **RECOMMENDED** to the Executive Board that:

- (a) The following options in relation to the functions set out in the report be adopted and that budgetary provision be made within the 2015/16 Greater Cambridge City Deal non-project costs budget for:
  - central coordinating functions in the sum of £150,000 per year for two years;
  - strategic communications in the sum of £60,000 for two years;
  - economic assessments in the sum of £10,000 per year for two years;
  - Smart City in the sum of £20,000 per year for two years;
  - inward investment team to a maximum sum of £150,000, subject to the conditions set out in that section of the report;
  - support for the delivery of additional housing in the sum of £200,000 per year for two years.
- (b) The City Deal budget for non-project costs as set out in section 6 of the report be approved for the financial year commencing 1 April 2015.
- (c) The currently unutilised funding, as set out in section 8 of the report, be retained for other needs that are expected to arise to progress the City Deal objectives, including potential investment in infrastructure schemes, and be carried forward at the year-end subject to any further demands that may be agreed by the Board within the financial year.

- (d) These allocations be reviewed at the mid-year point and any amendments to these sums or additional elements be made at that point.

## **PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL TRANSPORT PROGRAMME AND CITY CENTRE CONGESTION**

The Joint Assembly **RECOMMENDED** to the Executive Board that it:

- (a) Approves the process for developing the transport programme for the next stage of the City Deal and to address congestion in Cambridge.
- (b) Approves the process to commence the development of proposals to address congestion in Cambridge.

The Joint Assembly welcomed the success of the County Council's bid to the Cycling City Ambition Fund and noted that it should enable parts of the rural cycling projects, considered at the last meeting, to proceed independent of the City Deal. It also **RECOMMENDED** to the Executive Board that the originally tabled cycling infrastructure schemes (or parts of them) that are not funded from the Cycling City Ambition Fund or any other external source should be treated as reserve projects within tranche 1 of the City Deal programme, due to the acknowledged high risk of many of the bigger prioritised schemes, the cycling projects' attractive value for money in terms of enabling economic growth, their deliverability and 'spade ready' status and the role they can play in connecting people with jobs within the specific demographic of the Cambridge technology cluster.

## **GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL SKILLS PROPOSALS**

The Joint Assembly **RECOMMENDED** to the Executive Board that it:

- (a) Approves the principle of the Skills Service model as the basis for achievement of the City Deal objective on skills and requests a further report containing the detailed proposals for the Skills Service for submission to the June meetings of the Joint Assembly and the Executive Board.
- (b) Establishes an informal group of Joint Assembly Members to meet and work with officers, key partners and stakeholders, that will feed into the report for submission to the June meetings of the Joint Assembly and Executive Board.
- (c) Allocates a minimum of £250,000 per annum, in principle, as the estimated gross cost of funding the model and the availability of contributions towards this from the County Council (£50,000) and the Local Enterprise Partnership (£75,000), therefore approving, in principle, a minimum net budgetary provision of £125,000 per annum.

