

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS

Agenda Item No: 10a

Partnership Review

To: Horizons Main Board

Date: 1st July 2010

From: Chief Executive

Purpose: **For Information (FI)**

To update the Board on the partnership review work agreed at the last Cambridgeshire Together meeting.

Recommendation: **For Information**

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire Together agreed at its last meeting to develop a transition plan to move from the current model of partnerships to a more streamlined system. The Public Service Board was charged with taking this work forward.
- 1.2 A key element within this work is the consideration of what type of partnership structures we need going forward to support economic prosperity and deliver housing growth, which could include many of the elements of the work Horizons currently carries out.
- 1.2 The Chief Executives of the City Council and the County Council are leading this work, and are developing a programme for the coming months which will include detailed consultation with relevant stakeholders, will start from first principles, and will consider what may be needed and would work best in the Cambridgeshire context.
- 1.3 The work will also be informed by the emerging detail from Government on the proposals to abolish the Regional Development Agencies, and to create Local Enterprise Partnerships. The Budget document (para 1.89) included some wording on this, as set out below:

“The Government will enable locally-elected leaders, working with business, to lead local economic development.

As part of this change, Regional Development Agencies will be abolished through the Public Bodies Bill.

A White Paper later in the summer will set out details of these proposals. As part of this, the Government will:

- support the creation of strong local enterprise partnerships, particularly those based around England’s major cities and other natural economic areas, to enable improved coordination of public and private investment in transport, housing, skills, regeneration and other areas of economic development;*
- consider the most appropriate framework of incentives for local authorities to support growth, including exploring options for business rate and council tax incentives, which would allow local authorities to reinvest the benefits of growth into local communities.”*

- 1.4 We will keep the Board updated as this work develops.