

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS

Agenda Item No: 11

East of England Implementation Plan Consultation

To: **Cambridgeshire Horizons Board**

Date: **30 June 2009**

From: **Director for Development**

Purpose: **To inform the Board of a consultation being undertaken by EEDA on the East of England Implementation Plan, and ask for endorsement of the County-wide response.**

Recommendation: **The Board is invited to endorse the County-wide response the draft East of England Implementation Plan, prepared by Cambridgeshire County Council with input from Cambridgeshire Horizons.**

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1. CONTEXT

1.1 The East of England set out its long-term vision for the future in its regional economic and spatial strategies published in 2008. These set long-term, ambitious targets for economic growth, housing and affordable homes, employment, skills, the environment and more efficient use of resources to 2021.

The draft East of England Implementation Plan has been put together by EEDA to set out how the region will deliver the two strategies, in advance of the single regional strategy. It aims to create a compelling business case for investment in the East of England's economic, social and environmental assets for both public and private investors and to provide the evidence to accelerate funding and delivery of key schemes. The plan is structured around themes and locations, spanning economic and spatial aspirations.

The themes covered in the Implementation Plan are:

- Housing
- Transport
- Utilities
- Enterprise, Business Support and Innovation
- Skills and Employability
- Culture, Creativity and the Visitor Economy
- Green Infrastructure, Heritage, Flood Risk and Coastal Environments

The locations covered in the Implementation Plan are:

- Bedford
- Greater Cambridge
- Greater Norwich
- Greater Peterborough
- Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft
- Haven Gateway
- Heart of Essex
- London Arc West – Hertfordshire
- London Arc East – Harlow/Stanstead corridor

- Luton and South Bedfordshire
- North/West Norfolk and West Suffolk
- Thames Gateway South Essex

The 12-week consultation period on this draft East of England Implementation Plan is now open and runs until midnight on 3rd July 2009. The executive summary and full Plan can be found here: <http://www.eeda.org.uk/implementationplan.asp>

2. CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESPONSE

Attached to this paper is the consultation response put together by Cambridgeshire County Council. Cambridgeshire Horizons provided comments on this initial response, and these have been incorporated. The response is structured around the series of consultation questions EEDA provided, grouped around each section of the plan. The covering letter to accompany this response is also attached as an appendix, and emphasises the key points.