

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS

Agenda Item No: 11c

Integrated Development Programme

To: **Cambridgeshire Horizons Board**

Date: **25th March 2009**

From: **Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire Horizons**

Purpose: **To present the draft Integrated Development Programme for Cambridgeshire**

Recommendation: **Members are invited to,**

- a) Comment on and approve the draft Integrated Development Programme for Cambridgeshire.**
- b) Agree the next steps for the IDP adoption process, including prioritisation and phasing of projects.**

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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the Integrated Development Programme prepared by Cambridgeshire Horizons in partnership with the Greater Cambridge partnership, and EEDA, with assistance from SQW as consultants.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 An Integrated Development Programme is a single document bringing together housing and economic aims for a Functional Urban Area. It identifies, costs, and prioritises interventions required to achieve these aims, thus supporting regional funding decisions.

2.2 Cambridgeshire Horizons and the Greater Cambridge Partnership have drafted an Integrated Development Programme for Cambridgeshire, which also recognises the economic sub-region of Greater Cambridge. The IDP examines the housing and economic plans to 2021, and, drawing primarily on existing analysis, sets out packages of infrastructure investment and other interventions required to support growth.

2.3 The document is split into three main sections, analysing the underlying policy bases, the key thematic packages (transport and climate change) and the main spatial packages. The analysis within the document includes details of risks to delivery, existing funding sources, and interdependencies to give a holistic view of infrastructure requirements and their impact on the future economic, social and environmental wellbeing of Cambridgeshire.

2.4 The purposes of the Cambridgeshire IDP are:

- To act as part of the evidence base for the Variable Rate Tariff, by updating and widening the scope of the estimates of infrastructure need in the Long Term Delivery Plan;
- To help to forge a stronger connection between the economic and housing ambitions for the County, through joint working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership;
- To provide a robust evidence base for investment in the key infrastructure priorities up to 2021, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to influence EEDA spending decisions in relation to the Single Programme, future rounds of Housing Growth Fund, and other national funding bids; and
- To inform the Cambridgeshire elements of the Joint Implementation Plan for the RSS and RES; and

3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The draft IDP has been discussed and approved for progression by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Operating Board on the 11th March. It was agreed that the Executive Officers from Cambridgeshire Horizons and GCP will take the IDP forward through a prioritisation and phasing process, and then bring this back to the relevant Boards as appropriate.
- 3.2 The Growth Partnership Board also discussed the draft IDP at their March 2009 meeting. Their comments have been incorporated into this draft.
- 3.3 If the draft Integrated Development Programme is approved at both Cambridgeshire Horizons and Greater Cambridge Partnership Board level, it will be developed into a final document, which will be brought to a future Board meeting. The final IDP would support the Business Plan for the Variable Rate tariff, if the Board agrees this should progress.
- 3.4 As part of this finalisation process, prioritisation of the packages and projects within the IDP will need to take place. Priorities will be agreed across the Local Authorities, and it is envisaged that the arrangements currently in place for agreeing allocation of Housing Growth Fund could be employed to this end. Once there is agreement at officer level, the IDP will be brought back to the Cambridgeshire Horizons and GCP Boards for final approval.