

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS

Agenda Item No. 13

Cambridge Local Investment Plan

To: **Cambridgeshire Horizons Board**

Date: **23rd March 2011**

From: **Project Manager**

Purpose: **For Decision (FD)**

Recommendation: **The Board is invited to:**

- **Note progress with the County Council project pro formas, since the last Board meeting;**
- **Agree final sign-off of the CLIP;**
- **Note the process for review of the document.**

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OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan (CLIP) has developed as part of our “single conversation” with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). The CLIP has been prepared by the HCA, Cambridgeshire Horizons and Cambridgeshire Local Authorities, in partnership with the Cambridge Regional Housing Board.
- 1.2 The document sets out the priorities identified by Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. It focuses on what is needed to deliver homes and communities, including affordable housing, primarily over the next three years.
- 1.3 The Horizons Board agreed the housing elements of the CLIP at the last meeting, on 8th December 2010. This was an interim measure to allow additional projects to be added by Cambridgeshire County Council, as requested at their Cabinet meeting in November. Following further discussions regarding the inclusion of further County infrastructure projects, the document would be brought to the next Board meeting in March 2011 for full endorsement.

2. PROGRESS

- 2.1 Since the last Horizons Board meeting, further discussions have taken place between Cambridgeshire County Council, the Homes and Communities Agency, and Cambridgeshire Horizons regarding the inclusion of county council-delivered infrastructure in the CLIP. It was agreed that some additional projects would be added to CLIP and the document then be reconsidered by county members at a cabinet meeting on the 22nd February.
- 2.2 The additional County Council projects added to the CLIP are listed below:
 - Transport Schemes for St Neots, St Ives, Huntingdon and Godmanchester, and Ramsey;
 - Transport Schemes for Chatteris, March, Wisbech, and Whittlesey;
 - Cambridgeshire Broadband Together;
 - Cambridgeshire History Centre;
 - Education Capital;
 - Libraries, Learning, and Culture;
 - Waste Management Infrastructure.

- 2.3** The final draft of the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan, which includes these additional projects, is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 2.4** The updated Local Investment Plan achieved endorsement by the Cambridgeshire County Council cabinet on 22nd February, subject to a cost-benefit analysis of the Cambridgeshire County Council projects. This will not affect the contents of the main CLIP document.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1** Now that the CLIP has been approved by all six Local Authority cabinets or equivalent member groups, the Horizons Board is invited to approve it in its final version.
- 3.2** It should be noted that although the CLIP is still in draft form, its contents are already informing and supporting Homes and Communities Agency investment decisions.
- 3.3** As some projects have been progressed and in some cases funded since their inclusion in the CLIP, a light-touch review in April 2011 would provide a baseline for 2011-15, the anticipated CSR period.
- 3.4** Given the changes to the HCA, reforms of affordable housing taking shape through the Localism Bill, and the emerging LEP, it would be worth reviewing how to take forward the most appropriate means of capturing the key infrastructure needs for Cambridgeshire and the LEP area. Cambridgeshire Horizons will continue to discuss this with the Homes and Communities Agency and local authorities.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** As covering page.