

LDV Review

To: **Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee**

Date: **17 April 2007**

From: **Chief Executive**

Purpose: **To inform the Committee of progress on the LDV Review**

Recommendation: **To note the progress made on the LDV Review**

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1. Background

- 1.1 Detailed discussions with DCLG have been continuing since the receipt of the Minister's letter in January 2007.
- 1.2 This report informs the Committee of the progress made to date and the matters that remain outstanding

2. Progress with Government

- 2.1 A further letter is anticipated being received before the meeting and an oral update on this will be given at the meeting.

3. Progress in establishing Section 101 Committees

- 3.1 All three authorities have agreed in principle to establish the two Section 101 Committees to deal jointly with development control matters for Northstowe and the Fringe Sites.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that detailed powers will be delegated formally to the new Committees by each of the authorities by the date of their respective Annual Meeting in May 2007.
- 3.3 To avoid any potential delay in determining current applications, the commencement date for the new Committees will be September 2007.
- 3.4 A more detailed update on progress will be given orally at the meeting.

4. Progress with Joint Working Arrangements

- 4.1 An Implementation Team, comprising of the Directors from Cambridgeshire Horizons, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council, has been established to oversee progress with the joint working arrangements.
- 4.2 The team has identified priorities for new staff in all four organisations and will shortly commence the first phase of the recruitment process. Local authority HR officers are advising the team.
- 4.3 Work is also progressing on drawing up Service Level Agreements (SLA) between the four organisations. This work is intended to provide a robust performance management framework for all four organisations and a review mechanism for prioritisation of workstreams. Work is also progressing on establishing working arrangements, including protocols for Development Control Advice. A staff briefing session was recently held, at which over 70 staff (from all four organisations) attended. A staff workshop will be held in early May to help develop joint working arrangements.

5. **Recommendation**

5.1 That the report be noted.