

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS

Agenda Item No: 8

Joint Planning Budget

To: **Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee**

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Purpose: **For information – (FI)**

Recommendation: **The Committee is invited to note progress and comment on the matters raised in the report.**

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1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1** The Joint Planning Budget (JPB), first secured from Government in 2008/09, provides funding of £1.442m that supports a total of 27 posts in the three authorities and Horizons.
- 1.2** JPB is fully committed to funding these posts and no residue is available for other purposes.

2. CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1** Horizons reimburses the authorities against invoices throughout the year. Costs show a favourable variance of 2% from the profiled spend forecast.

3. THE FUTURE

- 3.1** This funding stream ends on 31 March 2011. The leaders of the three authorities and Horizons wrote to the Housing Minister on 4 October 2010 seeking continued support for Cambridgeshire growth but, as of the date of writing this report, no response has been received.
- 3.2** Cambridge City Council has underwritten the cost of the 11 posts funded by JPB for one year (i.e., to 31 March 2012).

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1** Committee Members are requested to note the content of the report.