

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL  
(THE LEADER)**

**Establishment of Greater Cambridge  
Joint Governance Framework**

The Greater Cambridge City Deal document was signed on 19 June 2014 on behalf of all five local partners (Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership and the University of Cambridge) and Government.

The Deal is underpinned by a commitment to deliver transformative economic benefits through investment in infrastructure and through a collaborative governance framework, featuring an Executive Board that brings together the partner organisations and a wider Assembly. An effective and efficient governance structure is recognised in the deal as key to the delivery of the infrastructure programme and to planning effectively for future growth.

It is envisaged that the governance framework will consist of a five person Executive Board, supported by a 15 person Assembly that comprises a mix of elected Members and wider stakeholders. The Assembly is envisaged to perform an advisory function in support of the work of the Executive Board, which is expected to be the decision-making body for those issues within the remit of the governance framework.

**Post Committee update/amendment:**

Subsequent to agreement at Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014, officers from the three councils concerned identified the need to further clarify issues relating to the composition, roles and powers of the Executive Board and Assembly. The amended S&R report and appendices attached clarify the basis on which Assembly members are to be nominated (report page 4); the objectives of the Deal (report page 7); the delegation of functions to the Executive Board (report page 8); and matters relating to the election and position of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Board (report page 10-11). The amended Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for the Assembly remove an erroneous clause on election of chair and vice chair (report page 18).

The Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations unanimously.

**Accordingly, Council is recommended:**

- i. Endorse the following:
  - The amended Terms of Reference for the Executive Board;
  - The Leader of the Council be appointed to represent the Council on the Executive Board;
  - Councillor Blencowe be appointed as the Council's substitute representative on the Executive Board;
  - the amended Terms of Reference for the Assembly;
  - The delegation of the executive functions of the City Council referred to in the Terms of Reference for the Executive Board.
  
- ii. Appoint Council's three representatives on the Assembly, on a politically proportionate basis.