

Present: Councillors Blencowe (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Bird, Hart, Hipkin, Pippas, C. Smart and Tunnacliffe

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

15/202/PLAN: Consultation on review of Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Control Committee terms of reference to determine City Deal infrastructure schemes.

In late 2014, as part of the setting up of the Greater Cambridge City Deal Executive Board and agreeing its Terms of Reference, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) agreed to delegate exercise of their functions to the Board where these functions relate to achieving the City Deal objectives. This entails the three Councils making any necessary changes to their schemes of delegation across a number of functions, one of which relates to the planning process and the granting of planning consent.

City Deal infrastructure schemes that are not located within the highway will require planning consent in order to be delivered. Legal advice obtained indicates that, where possible, planning decisions should be made across relevant geographical areas, in this case City and SCDC.

It is therefore considered that the most appropriate way to implement this principle is to modify the remit of the Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Committee (JDCC), which includes members from all three partner authorities, to include planning permission for City Deal infrastructure schemes. This will require changes to the existing Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Consultation is therefore being carried out with the three regulatory committees affected by the proposed changes as the first steps in this process; the JDCC, City Planning Committee and SCDC Planning Committee. The JDCC considered a report on the proposed changes on 18 September 2015 and supported the proposals in principle. The City Council's Planning Committee are now being consulted on the basis that some of the City Deal Infrastructure Schemes would otherwise fall within

the remit of the City Council's Planning Committee where elements are located wholly or partly the City Council boundary.

The final agreed version of the JDCC Terms of Reference will need to be formally approved through the three Councils in due course, once consultation with City Council and SCDC Planning Committees and other procedural approval processes have been completed. The timetable for this was set out in Section 3 of the Officer's report.

The Committee were recommended to support the principle of the proposed changes to the JDCC Terms of Reference, subject to:

- i. Consultation with SCDC Planning Committee.
- ii. Endorsement by Cambridgeshire County Council Constitution and Ethics Committee.
- iii. Formal approval through the three Councils.

The Committee:

Unanimously resolved to accept the officer recommendation to support the principle of the proposed changes to the JDCC Terms of Reference.