

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Outline

The Group is non decision-making and will offer a steer at Member level for the development of land use plans, integrated with transport strategy. It will meet in public. The group will facilitate cooperation between the authorities and better decision making through the relevant processes.

The Group will report its recommendations to the respective Local Planning Authorities, for decision-making to be completed through each Council's existing democratic processes.

Purpose

The group will provide efficient and effective coordination of spatial planning for the Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire districts.

The group will provide opportunity for three-way discussion on other strategic and cross-boundary issues, at the discretion of the Chair in discussion with Vice Chairs.

The group will provide high level oversight of the Greater Cambridge growth strategy. There will be liaison with neighbouring authorities and other relevant bodies when appropriate.

Outcomes

The outcomes from the group will be:

- (a) to facilitate a shared policy position that will allow the timely development of the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan, coordinated/integrated with transport policy; and
- (b) to facilitate a shared policy position that will allow the timely development of other key planning policy documents within the Greater Cambridge area.

Membership

The group will consist of three Members from each of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and one from Cambridgeshire County Council. The membership of the group will be determined by each authority.

Each authority should also nominate substitutes should the core participants not be able to attend particular meetings.

Frequency of meetings

Every two months or as necessary, hosted on a rotating basis.

Secretariat

The secretariat for the group will be provided by either Cambridge City Council or South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be from Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council and will alternate annually.

Chairmanship and vice chairmanship will be determined each year on the anniversary of the first meeting.

Winding Up of the Group

The Group will be wound up by any one of the following means:

- (a) five years from today's date;
- (b) adoption of the Greater Cambridge Local Plan by the authorities, with no other Development Plan Documents still in preparation;
- (c) on withdrawal from the Advisory Group by one of Cambridge City Council or South Cambridgeshire District Council; or
- (d) on a simple majority vote by Members of the Advisory Group.

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