

NCL 4649 Change to contribution to Greater Cambridge Partnership from NHB

Q: This should provide detail of the proposed ongoing financial contribution to the GCP if this item is approved, and how its impact on the GCP's financing and capacity is foreseen.

Background

The percentage level of contributions from each partner Local Authority has varied across the years since the GCP's budget in 2015.

28 January 2015 – The Executive Board agreed to contribute 40% of their NHB receipts for the financial year 2015/16 and 50% for 'future financial years'.

8 March 2017 – The Executive Board agreed to reduce NHB contributions to 40%.

20 March 2019 – The Executive Board agreed to reduce NHB contributions to 30%.

The saving proposed in the BSR reflects the impact of government reductions in NHB that the council will receive but assumes that 30% of what is received will still go to GCP

The Table below shows the amount of NHB that has been allocated towards the GCP programme to date.

Greater Cambridge Partnership New Homes Bonus contributions to date

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total from Local Authority (£m)
Percentage of Contribution	40%	50%	40%	40%	30%	
Cambridge City Council	£1,986	£3,166	£2,385	£2,238	£1,651	£11,426

South Cambridgeshire District Council	£1,683	£2,633	£1,570	£1,204	£742k	£7,832
Cambridgeshire County Council	£917k	£1,485	£1,023	£860k	£599k	£4,884
Total	£4,586	£7,284	£4,978	£4,302	£2,992	£24,142

The budget saving in the BSR means that the GCP can expect £6.2m less from the city council between 2020/21 and 2024/25, than if government funding of NHB continued at the same level (assuming that all partners agreed to continue funding at 30%).

The GCP is currently going through its first gateway review which if successful will see GCP receiving the second phase of city deal money worth £200m, doubling the amount available to them in the first five years.

The GCP board will need to set future budgets in the context.

Further information

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