

CENTRAL AREA GROWTH BOARD

Councillor N Blake

Leader of the Council

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To seek Council's approval to participation in a Central Area Growth Board responsible for strategic leadership as part of the Oxford – MK – Cambridge Growth Corridor.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council approves:-

- (a) The arrangements for the new Central Area Growth Board Joint Committee as set out in the attached report.
- (b) The new governance structure and full membership of the of the Central Area Growth Board and the adoption of the Terms of Reference also forming part of the attached report.
- (c) A financial commitment of £5k per annum of on-going revenue to support the work of the Growth Board.
- (d) The adoption of the proposals for the Joint Committee and authorise the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any amendments to the Terms of reference that might be necessary.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 At its meeting on 10 April, 2018, Cabinet considered the report attached as an Appendix to this report concerning the formation of a Central Area Growth Board which would be responsible for strategic leadership as part of the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Growth Corridor. The report sets out in detail the advantages of being a member of the Growth Board. By becoming a member of the Growth Board, AVDC will be an active participant in contributing to the agenda on strategic planning, economic development and infrastructure planning at the sub regional level.
- 3.2 Cabinet was strongly of the view that that the Council should become a member of the Growth Board which is, for the purposes of the relevant legislation a Joint Committee – hence this report to Council.

4. Options Considered/Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 These are set out in the attached report.

4. Resource Implications

An annual commitment to a financial contribution of £5k per annum.

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Background documents: These are listed in the attached report.