

Chichester District Council

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Chichester Growth Deal 2018 - 2023

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Cabinet recommends to the Council:

2.1.1 To approve the Growth Deal between West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council as set out in appendix 1 to the agenda report.

2.1.2 To approve the appointment of the Leader of the Council and one additional member to be recommended by the Cabinet to represent Chichester District Council on the Growth Board.

2.1.3 To dissolve the Infrastructure Joint Member Liaison Group and subsume its role into the Growth Board.

2.1.4 To approve the terms of reference of the Growth Board contained in appendix 2 to the agenda report subject to comments from West Sussex County Council

2.2 That the Cabinet grants delegated authority to the Head of Commercial Services to agree minor amendments to the final Growth Deal document, following consultation with the Leader of the Council.

3. Background

3.1 Growth Deals are joint commitments between local government designed to align resources (both public and private sector) to deliver sustainable growth and unlock opportunities for new homes and new employment space, preserving existing and creating new jobs. This Growth Deal builds upon the priorities identified within the Chichester Place Plan (2016) which provided a joint growth narrative for Chichester District Council (CDC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC).

3.2 The Growth Deal 2018-2023 supports the delivery of the growth aspirations identified in CDC Corporate Plan and the WSCC - Future West Sussex Plan. The aim of the

Growth Deal is to strengthen accountability and identify coherent ways of working together to improve communication, co-operation and efficiency.

- 3.3 The priorities and ways of working contained in this Growth Deal do not remove, or alter, the councils' statutory duties and do not suggest or represent any pre-determination with respect to planning issues – the statutory planning process will be progressed as required for all of the proposed priorities indicated above.
- 3.4 The councils as part of the growth deal will ensure appropriate project management and quality management systems are in place to support the delivery of the Growth Deal priorities. Appropriate officer support will be assigned to the overall management of the Growth Programme to ensure that the close working relationship is monitored and regular progress reports are provided to the Growth Board

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 To agree the priority projects for sustainable growth with WSCC as set out in section 5.1 of this report (detail contained within Appendix 1 to ensure that resources are aligned between the two authorities to deliver these projects.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 The proposed Growth Deal has been considered by relevant officers at CDC and WSCC. It is proposed that WSCC and CDC agree to work co-operatively and in partnership to deliver specific growth priorities as follows:

- Chichester City Vision – complete a transport feasibility study that supports the delivery of the Vision and Local Plan.
- Chichester Southern Gateway – enhance this key gateway to the City and deliver a mixed use development that includes office, retail, residential and leisure uses.
- Chichester Northern Gateway – enhance this key gateway to the City and deliver a mixed use development that includes office, retail, residential and leisure uses.
- Gigabit West Sussex Fibre Broadband – proposals to improve digital connectivity in Chichester.

Further details of these projects are set out in Appendix 1.

- 5.2 The delivery of the Growth Deal will be overseen by a Growth Board (see Appendix 2 for proposed terms of reference) which will comprise of senior elected members from the two councils to:
- To provide strategic leadership and direction
 - Ensure the alignment of the investment
 - Monitor the progress of the projects and agree any remedial action if required
 - Examine new opportunities to progress the projects, ensuring joint governance decisions
 - Be apprised of issues and obstacles
 - Support the development of project teams to ensure appropriate officer input

- 5.3 It is proposed that the Leader of the Council and one additional member is recommended by the Cabinet to the Council to represent CDC on the Growth Board.
- 5.4 It is also proposed that the current CDC and WSCC Infrastructure Joint Member Liaison Group (IJMLG) is dissolved and is subsumed into the Growth Board. Currently the IJMLG plans the infrastructure needed to support development in Chichester District. The group identifies funding sources, recommends spending priorities and endorses the Infrastructure Business Plan (IBP) on an annual basis.
- 5.5 Officers at WSCC and CDC will progress the projects and report to the Growth Board, individual teams will drive forward the delivery of the projects and will consist of lead officers, other officers and/or consultants providing technical input.
- 5.6 The Growth Board will liaise closely with the Chichester Vision Steering Group with member and officer representation between the two groups. Key projects identified in the Vision that require close partnership working have been identified in this Growth Deal and will be monitored by the Growth Board. The Chichester Vision Steering Group will provide leadership and governance for the remaining projects (not identified as growth projects) and aspirations identified in the Vision document. The projects within the growth deal will be prioritised in terms of allocation of resources and therefore support from WSCC for other projects in the vision or across the wider District will be limited.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 Not to engage with WSCC through the Growth Deal. This would not bring about the desired aspiration to work together in partnership to deliver the key growth projects identified for the district and may lead to duplication of work allocation and/or the resources not being available to develop and deliver the projects.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 Aligning resources and agreeing the priorities will assist both councils in efficiently delivering the key priority projects in the District.
- 7.2 The councils will agree opportunities for aligning and prioritising funding from all available funding streams eg Business Rates Retention Scheme, CIL, section 106 and Local Growth Fund to support the delivery of priorities identified within the Growth Deal. Any recommended funding allocations will be reported back to the Cabinet and/or the Council for approval.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 As individual projects are developed formal consultation with stakeholders will be conducted which is proportionate to the project.
- 8.2 The potential establishment of a Growth Board was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) in September 2017 as part of the Southern Gateway PID. The committee raised no concerns and selected a representative of OSC to be an observer on the Southern Gateway project.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 An agreed Growth Deal helps to mitigate the risk of the resources from both the councils not being allocated in a timely manner or being spread too thinly across a large number of projects and will lead to a co-ordinated approach to enable the delivery of these major projects.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		X
Climate Change		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact		X
Safeguarding and Early Help		X
Other (please specify) eg biodiversity		X

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Growth Deal 2018 - 2023
- 11.2 Appendix 2 – Growth Board Terms of Reference

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 None