

Agenda Item

EXECUTIVE BOARD

31 October 2007

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Exeter & East Devon New Growth Point “Growth Delivery Plan”

Summary

The Growth Delivery Plan for the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point sets out a rationale for economic and housing growth, the key development opportunities, phased to show infrastructure requirements, and includes a summary of the investment we are looking to fund to support this. The document also includes a section where we are looking for top up growth funding from Government.

The delivery plan is looking to deliver 14,719 jobs over the next ten years; 28,000 jobs over the next twenty years; and an extra 18,500 new homes. Key proposals in the plan include: Cranbrook, the science park, Skypark and major transport infrastructure requirements.

Funding available to the new growth point areas has increased significantly this year and government has announced it will move to block grant, not project funding, with block grant payments to local authorities via the single pot. In this context it is vital that we have a robust programme of development to plan for the delivery of the growth for which we hope to receive funding.

The document attached to this report has been approved by the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Steering Board on the 1 October 2007. The document has been submitted to Government. The document will be a live document that will need to be kept up to date.

Recommendation

That Executive Board formally notes that the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Delivery Plan has been approved by the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Steering Board and submitted to Government.

a) Reasons for Recommendation

The submission of the Growth Delivery Plan by the 1 October is a requirement of Government in the Partnership for Growth. The document has been prepared by the New Growth Point delivery team that is hosted by East Devon and funded by SWRDA. The document captures the planned housing and economic growth for Exeter and East Devon’s growth area. The delivery team reports directly to the Steering Board, the Chair of the Steering Board is the Leader of the Council. The deadline for submission to Government has meant the report has had to be submitted prior to the Executive Board meeting.

b) Alternative Options

N/a

c) Risk Considerations

The document sets out the key risks that would prevent the council achieving its growth aspirations; the delivery plan is a business planning tool to manage risk.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

The policy and financial considerations are included in the Growth Delivery Plan.

e) Date for Review of Decision

The document will be reviewed regularly by the Steering Board, on an annual basis.

1 Main Body of the Report

See attached document.

Legal Implications

No further legal observations; references are made, where relevant, to the negotiated S106 Agreement covering the Cranbrook new community.

Financial Implications

More detailed financial analysis and modeling will be required during the many key stages of this development. I assume this will be reported to the Executive Board by the Project Manager on a regular basis, prior to all key decisions being taken.

Consultation on Reports to the Executive

Nil

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