

CAMBRIDGE CITY FRINGES COMMITTEE JOINT ORDER 2008

To: **Cabinet**

Date: **5th April 2011**

From: **Acting Executive Director - Environment Services**

Electoral division(s): **All Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Divisions**

Forward Plan ref: **2011/033** *Key decision:* **Yes – Council Decision**

Purpose: **To seek agreement from Cabinet that the Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee that was established jointly by Cambridge City Council, the County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council in 2008 should be cancelled.**

Recommendation: **Cabinet is recommended to:**

a) endorse the cancellation of the Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee;

b) recommend to Full Council that approval be given for the cancellation of the Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the request of the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council agreed in 2008 to the establishment of the Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee which was to be the Local Planning Authority as far as plan-making is concerned for three cross boundary locations on the edge of Cambridge:
- The University land between Huntingdon Road and Maddingley Road (North West Cambridge)
 - Cambridge Airport, land north of Newmarket Road and land north of Cherry Hinton (Cambridge East)
 - Land bounded by the A14, Kings Lynn railway, former St Ives railway line and A10 / Cowley Road (old A10) (Cambridge Northern Fringe East).
- 1.2 The joint plan-making committee was established by Order of Parliament on 1st July 2009 under the provisions of Section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Thereafter, the Committee has usually been referred to locally as the s29 Committee.
- 1.3 The Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee was the third joint planning committee to be established in the area, the other two being established under the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 dealing with planning applications for major development areas on the edge of the City and at Northstowe.
- 1.4 As a consequence of the establishment of these joint committees, CLG made available to Cambridgeshire Horizons, revenue funding of £1,400,000 (£700,000 each for the Section 101 and Section 29 Committees) for implementation purposes.

2. THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 Although some of the procedural work of the Committee has been undertaken, the main task of preparing the plans for the specified areas has progressed little. The Committee has to date only met three times and there is now no ongoing funding from Government to support it.
- 2.2 For this reason, the Members of the s29 Committee resolved on 23rd March that the Committee should be cancelled and that the required planning documents could be produced more effectively through joint working rather than the process of a specific Committee.
- 2.3 The authority for the County Council to participate in the Committee was originally endorsed by Cabinet and agreed by Full Council and therefore to cancel the Committee, a similar process needs to be followed. Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are also following similar procedures.
- 2.4 When all three Councils have agreed that the Committee should be cancelled, the City Council will formally write to the Secretary of State on

behalf of the three Councils requesting that the Committee be cancelled. This will require revocation of the Parliamentary Order. There is no reason to suggest that the Government will not agree to this request.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND WAYS OF WORKING

Supporting and protecting vulnerable people when they need it most

- 3.1 There are no significant implications under this priority.

Helping people live healthy and independent lives in their communities

- 3.2 There are no significant implications under this priority.

Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

- 3.3 There are no significant implications under this priority.

Ways of Working

- 3.4 The following bullet points set out implications identified by officers for the four ways in which the Council wishes to work:

- Being a truly local Council - there are no significant implications;
- Making sure that the right services are provided in the right way -there are no significant implications;
- Investing in prevention - there are no significant implications;
- Working together - there are no significant implications.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

Resource and Performance Implications

- 4.1 The ongoing work of the Committee was not funded and there are more efficient means, through partnership working of achieving the same outcomes.

Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

- 4.2 Under the Localism Bill, it is expected that authorities will have a duty to collaborate. This reinforces the fact that this s29 Committee is not needed and more effective means of achieving the required outcomes can be found.

Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.3 There are no significant implications for any of the prompt questions within this category.

Engagement and Consultation

- 4.4 There are no significant implications for any of the prompt questions within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Report to S29 Committee, 23rd March 2011	Room B306 Castle Court Shire Hall, Cambridge