

**ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SERVICE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
PLAN AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, PARTNERSHIP LIAISON AND  
ADVISORY GROUPS AND INTERNAL ADVISORY GROUPS AND PANELS**

*To:* **Economy and Environment Committee**

*Meeting Date:* **16<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

*From:* **Chief Executive**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **Not applicable**      *Key decision:* **No**

*Purpose:* **To note the current Agenda Plan and make any suggestions for change.**

**To consider a new outside appointment and a substitute to the Environment Agency's Ouse Washes Steering Group.**

*Recommendation:* **It is recommended that the Economy and Environment Committee:**

- (i) review the Forward Agenda Plan at Appendix 1.**
- (ii) agree a new outside appointment and a substitute to the Environment Agency's Ouse Washes Steering Group.**
- (iii) agree to appoint three Members to serve on the Soham Station Project Board.**
- (iv) agree to appoint one Economy and Environment Committee Member to the new England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance - Strategic Transport Forum**

**a) Agenda Plan**

Attached as appendix 1.

**b) Appointments to a new Outside Body**

**i) Ouse Washes Steering Group.**

There has been a request for an appointment to be made for a Cambridgeshire County Council representative to the Environment Agency's Ouse Washes Steering Group. It is a forum where strategic issues affecting the Ouse Washes and surrounding area can be discussed and moved forward with relevant authorities. The Ouse Washes Strategic Group structure is set out as appendix 2a). The Terms of reference are included as appendix 2b).

Number of appointees: 1 (a substitute can also be appointed when the main nominee is unable to attend)

Number of meetings: Two a year with the first meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

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At the December E and E Spokes meeting the Chairman Councillor Bates indicated that he would be happy to take on this appointment. Councillor Mason has also indicated he would be happy to be considered to be the substitute, due to his expertise in this area.

### **New appointments to Partnership Liaison and Advisory Groups**

#### **ii) Member Project Board for Soham Station.**

The County Council is developing a proposal to build a railway station at Soham on the Ipswich – Ely railway line. This will support new housing development in Soham as part of ECDC's Local Plan. There are a number of options for the Station depending on whether or not its delivery coincides with Network Rail's proposals to provide double track between Soham and Ely. The County Council will shortly be commissioning Network Rail to undertake the GRIP 3 Option Selection study, which will recommend an option for development and should be completed early in 2017. To oversee the development and delivery of the Station and ensure its integration with other projects and with the agreement of East Cambridgeshire District Council, it is proposed to establish a Project Board, similar to those which oversee other major projects.

The Project Board is likely to meet on a quarterly basis. Lead Officer: Emma Grima  
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It is proposed that membership should consist of three members of each Council. E&E Committee is therefore asked to agree three members to serve on the Project Board.

#### **iii) England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance - Strategic Transport Forum**

The Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance was formed by Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. The Alliance was driven by a common recognition of the fact that:

- In terms of strategic infrastructure the issues (and solutions) extend beyond any one single authority area.
- The case for sustained levels of investment in areas outside of London and 'the North' needs to be made within Government.
- There is a need for stronger integration of investment by Government (and its agencies) with that made by Local Authorities.

The Alliance now propose to establish a Strategic Transport Forum over a larger area and have invited eight Local Transport Authorities including Cambridgeshire to participate, with invitations extended to Local Enterprise Partnerships, Government departments and agencies, transport service providers and the construction industry.

It is proposed that each Authority should be represented on the Forum by their Leader and Transport Portfolio Holder. As Cambridgeshire does not have a Portfolio it is proposed to nominate a member of the Economy and Environment Committee to accompany the Leader. A briefing note is attached as appendix 3.

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