

**GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP  
(Report by the Head of Legal and Estates)**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider a request for the Council to become a member of the recently incorporated Greater Cambridge Partnership.

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Greater Cambridge Partnership was established in 1997/98 to encourage and facilitate a balanced framework for the structural, economic and cultural development of the greater Cambridge area and comprised representatives from both the public and private sectors. The Council's representative on the Partnership is Councillor Holley.

2.2 The Partnership has now formed itself into a company limited by guarantee. The principal objects of the Company, as set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association are:-

- to stimulate economic growth, community development, inward investment and business training in Greater Cambridge (meaning the local authority districts of Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Uttlesford, Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and any geographically adjacent districts where the local authority is admitted to membership of the Company) through the periodic development, management and implementation of a sub-regional economic development strategy and action plan;
- to secure commitment and contributions from public, private and voluntary sector organisations to the strategy and plans;
- to promote Greater Cambridge positively at regional, national, European and international levels on matters affecting its economic development; and
- to provide the link between Greater Cambridge and the East of England Development Agency or any successor organisation carrying out the same function.

2.3 The Company has been incorporated by Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council and the Company is now asking other relevant local authorities to become members of the Company. In order to do this the Council needs to complete an "Application for Membership" and a "Deed of Adherence".

2.4 The initial membership fee for a District Council is £5,000.00 per annum, which is the same figure as the Council currently contributes to the Partnership. The County Council will pay £10,000.00 per

annum and provide the services of the economic development manager for 50% of his working time. These fees are subject to change in future by a decision of the Board of Directors, but it is intended that fees will normally increase annually in line with inflation.

- 2.5 The Articles of Association of the Company provide for a minimum of 5 directors, with no maximum number specified. The Local Authority Members together have the right to appoint 2 directors to the Board
- 2.6 As the Company is Limited by Guarantee, the Council's liability is limited to £10 in the event of the Company being dissolved.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council become a member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Company and the Director of Central Services be authorised to complete the Application for Membership and execute a Deed of Adherence.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Memorandum of Articles of Association of Greater Cambridge Partnership.

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