

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORIZONS LIMITED
(Report by the Head of Legal and Estates)**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Cabinet approval to English Partnerships becoming a member of Cambridgeshire Horizons Limited.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 13th November 2003, Cabinet resolved to support the establishment of the Cambridge Sub-Region Infrastructure Partnership and appointed Councillor Holley as the Council's representative on the Board.

2.2 The Partnership was subsequently incorporated under the name "Cambridgeshire Horizons Limited" with the County Council and the five District Councils being founder members. The principal purpose of Company is to help deliver the agreed development strategy for the sub-region.

2.3 It was always envisaged that other organisations would become members of the company and indeed the Members Agreement requires each Local Authority Member to use all reasonable endeavours to procure the acceptance of English Partnerships and the East of England Development Agency as members.

2.4 Under the terms of the Members Agreement, the admission of any new organisation requires the "unanimous approval" of all the founder member organisations. Unanimous approval needs to be evidenced by an actual resolution passed at a meeting of each founder member.

2.5 Consequently it is necessary to seek a formal resolution from Cabinet approving the application of English Partnerships to become a member of the company.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the application by English Partnerships to become a member of Cambridgeshire Horizons Limited and that the Council's representative on the Board be authorised to take any necessary action to enable this.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Cambridgeshire Horizons Memorandum & Articles of Association/Members Agreement

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