

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT: GOVERNANCE  
(Report by Head of Policy)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council, subject to Reservations, has endorsed the draft Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Cambridgeshire. The governance arrangements for the LAA include the establishment of a Board to oversee the achievement of the Agreement.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a Council representative to sit on the LAA Board.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Partners to the Agreement have endorsed the principle of establishing a LAA Board in lieu of a County-wide Local Strategic Partnership, as an executive body with the purpose of developing, communicating and ensuring achievement of the LAA framework outcomes.
- 2.2 The Board will have 12 executive members drawn from business, District Councils/Local Strategic Partnerships, the County Council, the Children & Young People Strategic Partnership, the Police, health, voluntary and community sectors, as follows:-

District Councils/LSPs	5 representatives (one representative from each District, who is also a member of the LSP Board)
Cambridgeshire County Council	2 representatives (one to represent the interest of the Children & Young People Strategic Partnership)
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	1 representative
Health	1 representative
Business	1 representative (also member of the Greater Cambridge Partnership)
Voluntary Sector	2 representatives (one representative covering rural interests)

- 2.3 The terms of reference of the Board include —
- facilitate and deliver improvements to public services in the County by delivering the LAA;

- provide the leadership required to achieve delivery of the LAA having regard to Community Strategies and Plans and other jointly agreed strategies;
- improve partnership working that will lead to continuous development;
- ensure cross-cutting themes are explored and developed so that the full potential of the LAA can be realised;
- oversee the pooling and alignment of resources to tackle priorities in the most cost-effective way;
- oversee the effective use and management of resources;
- demonstrate flexibility and take account of the different needs of different partners;
- maintain clarity as to where responsibility and accountability lie and identify and address areas of under-performance;
- play a high level role in performance review and management to ensure priorities are being delivered; and
- respond to Government reviews of the LAA.

2.4 Currently the District Council is represented on the Board of the Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership and it would be appropriate for this level of representation to be carried forward to the LAA Board.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 In the circumstances, it is recommended that the Leader of the District Council be nominated to serve on the Local Area Agreement Board.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Cambridgeshire's Local Area Agreement

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