

**DRAFT CAMBRIDGESHIRE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
(Report by Head of Planning Services)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make members aware of work that Cambridgeshire Horizons (CH) and the Cambridgeshire authorities have been involved in producing an Integrated Development Programme (IDP).

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 IDPs are essentially evidenced, phased, costed, and prioritised implementation plans. They are considered to be good practice and follow the guidance of East of England Development Agency for their preparation. The Cambridgeshire IDP draws substantially on pre existing material which has been prepared by or for Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership, Cambridgeshire Horizons and other partners notably the local authorities.
- 2.2 It seeks to synthesise this existing information into a shared evidence base that pinpoints the strategic investment priorities that face Cambridgeshire in the medium to long term future. Once published It will be a snapshot in time and will need to be updated at regular intervals. Some amendments to the text relating to Huntingdonshire have already been recognised.
- 2.3 The District Council has already undertaken a Local Investment Framework (LIF) which together with the IDP provides evidence of the local and strategic infrastructure needs of the District.

**3. PURPOSE OF IDP**

- 3.1 There are a number of reasons why this work was undertaken. Firstly with the introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (possibly by March 2010) the IDP would provide evidence to justify a charging schedule for strategic projects. Secondly it was to align the economic aims of RES with the spatial development process of the RSS, the business plan of CH and the Districts LIFs. And lastly a well evidence IDP would help in shaping spending decisions and future funding rounds when the shortfall in funding has been clearly identified.
- 3.2 Until CIL is introduced which will allow the levy to be applied to strategic and local infrastructure the IDP will remain as an evidence base document .There is no intention to prioritise the projects until then.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The involvement in this exercise with CH and other Councils has been useful in determining what is strategic and what is local infrastructure and along with the development of an IDP what likely levels of tariff in viability terms could be applied in Cambridgeshire. It has been a useful forum for discussion at a time when the CIL regulations are being debated and has helped to set out a programme for further action by this Council towards the introduction of CIL or failing that an SPD.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 5.1 Note the contents of this report

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