

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN  
(Report by the Heads of Housing Services and Planning Services)**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet endorsement of the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan (CLIP) prior to final approval by Cambridgeshire Horizons Board in December 2010.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan has been developed as part of the 'single conversation' with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
- 2.2 The single conversation was launched by the HCA in 2008 and is their place-based business model designed to achieve more efficient investment delivery in line with locally determined priorities. Now known as the Local Investment Plan, the HCA produced guidelines to support Local Authorities in drafting their plans.
- 2.3 A Local Investment Plan should include:
- alignment and coherence of local strategies and targets;
  - a clear and consistent narrative "golden thread" about the rationale for the investment priorities, including a key evidence base and link with strategic challenges identified;
  - a framework for making choices and determining priorities to deliver strategic outcomes with limited resources.
- 2.4 For Cambridgeshire it was agreed that the development of the CLIP would be led jointly between the HCA and Cambridgeshire Horizons, with LAs feeding their information into the process utilising current evidence, including the Huntingdonshire Core Strategy,, Housing Strategy and Local Investment Framework. The draft CLIP has been approved by Cambridgeshire Horizons Board and is now out for consultation (Annex A) with the five district councils, the County Council and other partners prior to formal approval by the Horizons Board in December 2010.
- 2.5 Following approvals the HCA will undertake internal checking and validation of the CLIP. When the CLIP has been finalised the next stage will be the drafting of Local Investment Agreements between the HCA and LAs, which are scheduled for completion by the end of March 2011.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Cabinet consider and endorse the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Reflections on the single conversation – HCA  
Local Investment Plans – Core Elements – HCA  
Huntingdonshire Core Strategy 2009  
Huntingdonshire Local Investment Framework 2009

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