

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

GROWTH DEAL

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the local projects submitted to Greater Lincolnshire and Humber Local Enterprise Partnerships.
- 1.2 To ask Cabinet to agree that local MPs are briefed to ensure that they have the opportunity to express their support for the proposed North Lincolnshire projects directly with the Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Our regeneration objectives recognise the need for change if North Lincolnshire is to continue to thrive and flourish. We aim to attract more people to come to live in and visit our area. We want to attract more businesses to set up here thereby creating more and better jobs. We want to make sure that people across the area can get to and from work or other opportunities easily. We also want our town centres to be places that people can continue to enjoy safely.
- 2.2 The quality of our urban and rural environments is vitally important to the economy of the area and quality of life. They are one of the main factors that determine whether a place is a healthy place to live, whether we enjoy living there, whether we want to grow old there, and whether we want our children to grow up there. They are fundamental to business decisions about whether a place is a good place to invest or to set up a business.
- 2.3 Government has identified thirty nine Local Enterprise Partnerships. They include the Humber and Greater Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnerships. Government see these as key vehicles to lead and secure economic change. Over recent years, these Partnerships have assumed increased responsibility and resources to shape the delivery of local economic priorities.
- 2.4 Growth Deals are viewed by Government as the next significant step in the devolution of funds to deliver economic, transport and housing priorities in local areas. Government will invest a minimum of £2bn per year from 2015/16 in agreed Growth Deals. The Department for Transport is the single largest Government investor in Growth Deals with over £1bn set aside for 2015/16.

- 2.5 Growth Deals have their roots in the two previous waves of City Deal agreements. They provide an opportunity for all thirty nine Local Enterprise Partnerships to establish a binding agreement with Government to deliver economic and housing growth priorities in their areas.
- 2.6 The council has so far successfully secured £13.2m of flood alleviation funding to support the Trent Side Villages and Lincolnshire Lakes, £1.73m for Humberside Airport Surface Access improvements and £7m for the Railway Gauge enhancement scheme through the Humber Local Enterprise Partnership.
- 2.7 Through the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the Council has successfully secured indicative funding of £2.9m in 2016/17 for improvements to Berkeley Circle.
- 2.8 The Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities leads the Growth Deal process. The Minister is seeking to make an additional allocation to LEPs following similar principles to the Local Growth Fund. This is subject to a bid to the Treasury with an announcement expected as part of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement scheduled for 3 December 2014 for additional funding for the years 2015/16 to 2017/18. If successful, decisions on funding for projects are expected very quickly, with an announcement likely early in 2015.
- 2.9 The council has submitted the following schemes for consideration by the Humber and Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnerships:
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| ▪ Melton Ross Bridge Works | £1.75m |
| ▪ Westcliff Regeneration Enterprise Hub | £0.40m |
| ▪ Scunthorpe Town Centre | £4m |
| ▪ Lincolnshire Lakes Infrastructure | £2m |

The Local Enterprise Partnerships have included these schemes in their priority lists submitted for appraisal to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills.

- 2.10 It is important that we brief our local MPs with a view to them supporting the projects in question via the Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities in the lead up to formal announcements in the Autumn Statement.
- 2.11 Officers are now developing full businesses cases for those projects that are already approved. These will be brought forward to appropriate Cabinet Members for consideration and approval in the future.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Cabinet is asked to note the information set out in this paper and further agree that local MPs are briefed to ensure that they have the opportunity

to express their support for the proposed North Lincolnshire projects directly with the Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Securing the support of local MPs might enhance the chances of securing the funding required to take forward our local priority projects. It is likely that MPs representing other local authority areas will make similar representations in support of funding bids.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 There are no direct resource implications with this report.

5.2 New projects will be built into the capital programme.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACTASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Officers will complete integrated impact assessments for each project.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 A wide range of partners are involved in the delivery of the North Lincolnshire bids to the Local Enterprise Partnerships.

7.2 There are no known conflicts of interest to highlight.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet notes the contents of the report.

8.2 That Cabinet agree that local MPs are briefed to ensure that they have the opportunity to express their support for the proposed North Lincolnshire projects directly with the Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities.

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