

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Growth and Infrastructure Board

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Wards Affected

All

Purpose

To establish a cross party Growth and Infrastructure Advisory Board to oversee the development and progress of key initiatives and areas of work that underpin the economic and housing growth of Gedling.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Background

- 1.1 Driving forward economic and housing growth is a top priority for the Council and for the wider community.
- 1.2 A number of significant schemes are already underway or at various stages of development, including: -
 - Re-development of Gedling Colliery and creation of the Gedling Access Road
 - Development of Top Wighay and Teal Close
 - Feasibility study for a Fourth Trent Crossing
 - Outline plans for re-development of Carlton Square and Arnold Town Centre
- 1.3 Progress updates are currently provided to members in a variety of formats and varying intervals but it is considered appropriate to establish a more formal mechanism going forward.

Proposal

2.1 It is proposed to establish a Growth and Infrastructure Advisory Board as follows:-

Role and Responsibilities

- To oversee the development and implementation of priority economic and housing growth initiatives
- To ensure a continuous pipeline of projects is in place, ready for sourcing external funding
- To receive and respond to regular performance reports relevant to economic and housing growth, including housing starts and completions and processing of planning applications
- To provide a forum for feeding back on progress of the East Midlands Devolution Deal and Combined Authority and for ensuring that Gedling is maximising its influence
- To advise on economic and housing growth proposals and make recommendations, as and when required, to the Executive

Membership

- Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration (or their representatives/nominees)
- Leader and Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group (or their representative/nominee)

Frequency of meetings

- Bi-monthly

Alternative Options

Cabinet could choose not to support the creation of a Growth and Infrastructure Board.

Financial Implications

None

Recommendation (s)

Cabinet is recommended to approve the arrangements for establishing a Growth

and Infrastructure Board as set out in section 2.1 above

Background papers

None

Reason for Recommendation

To establish a forum to ensure that members are kept updated on matters relating to economic and housing growth in the Borough.