

Incorporation of Greater Cambridge Partnership

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Summary

1. The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has been making preparations for becoming a company limited by guarantee and the partnership has now been incorporated.
2. The company was created by Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Councils and it is now asking each of the other local authority members of the Partnership Board to sign the Application for Membership and Deed of Adherence.

Recommendation

That the Council apply for membership of the Company

Background Papers

Correspondence from GCP

Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	none
Finance	None
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	See Director's liabilities
Ward-specific impacts	Ashdon, Littlebury, Newport, Saffron Walden, The Chesterfords, Wenden Lofts, Wimbish and Debden.
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

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1. The Company's objects are:
 - 1.1 to stimulate economic growth, community development, inward investment and business training in Greater Cambridge (meaning the local authority districts of Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Uttlesford, Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury and any geographically adjacent districts where the local authority is admitted to membership of the Company) through the periodic development, management and implementation of a sub-regional economic development strategy and action plan;
 - 1.2 to secure commitment and contributions from public, private and voluntary sector organisations to the strategy and plans;
 - 1.3 to promote Greater Cambridge positively at regional, national, European and international levels on matters affecting its economic development; and
 - 1.4 to provide the link between Greater Cambridge and the East of England Development Agency or any successor organisation carrying out the same function.
2. The GCP has decided that achievements of its objects would best be served by its incorporation into a company limited by guarantee.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Liabilities of Directors	Low	Moderate	Under the Memorandum of Association, the Company provides Directors with indemnity insurance (subject to some unexceptional exclusions).