

Grantham: New Growth Point Status

An introduction to the New Growth Point project

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The national agenda for growth

- February 2003 – Communities Plan –significant increase in house building
- 2004 – academic review of housing supply commissioned – suggested further action required
- December 2005 – New Growth Points programme announced
- July 2007 – Gordon Brown announces new Housing Bill and further increase in housebuilding targets
- October 2007 – Alistair Darling announces £1.7bn funding for Growth Areas, New Growth Points, and eco-towns programmes

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Criteria for New Growth Points

- NGP delivery plans must set out:
 - A good case for economic and housing growth
 - How to achieve housing growth of 20% over and above 2003 projections
 - How to address impacts on the environment, transport networks, with a realistic assessment of need for additional investment
 - Long term sustainability of development
 - How private sector investment will be sourced



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New Growth Point status – what it means

- A close working relationship between Central Government and local partners
- A strong local partnership to ensure delivery
- No automatic funding entitlement – a bid process (now opened up – a new round of NGPs including authorities in the North) for £1.7bn funding announced in CSR
- Targeted funding and other support available to ensure that infrastructure and service provision keep pace with growth



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The proposals

Grantham 2007

- Historic market town but with physical constraints holding back development
- Almost 38,000 residents.....in approx. 15,000 households
- Excellent transport links but significant traffic congestion problems
- High levels of housing need in spite of affordable housing provision
- Recognised need for increase in high value local employment

Grantham 2015

- Vital and viable town centre energised by regeneration of Canal Basin area
- Population up to 50,000.....in approx. 21,000 households in 2 major sustainable urban extensions
- Traffic problems partly alleviated by East/West Bypass
- Shortage of affordable housing addressed by new development
- Diversification of job market, creating high skilled jobs

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Current position

- Study to evaluate water systems (£60k CLG funding)
- Formal partnership agreement in development
- Programme of Development submitted to CLG by 1 October deadline
- Consultation and information sessions with relevant stakeholders, partners and public underway
- Key stakeholders being individually approached for purpose of joint planning to inform future proposals



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The future...

- Four key sites, plus other small sites, coming forward
- Individual project groups set up to tackle key project areas and cross-cutting streams (e.g. finance, sustainability, transport)
- Partnership structure developed to ensure all key stakeholders are involved
- Final bid submitted by 1 October deadline following Cabinet approval

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Delivery in the Southern Quadrant

- Partnership approach
- Will include a new East/West Bypass
- Potential for up to 4,000 new houses (including affordable units)
- Opportunity for community and educational facilities
- New employment land



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Delivery in the North-West Quadrant

- “Poplar Farm” site allocated for housing development in 1995 Local Plan
- Larger urban extension site includes potential for up to 3,500 homes (including affordable units)
- District mixed-use centre and other community facilities
- New employment development

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Delivery in the Town Centre

- 4 key projects identified:
 - Station Approach: business gateway
 - Wharf Place: new commercial or community use
 - Greyfriars: development to revitalise the evening economy
 - Market Place: improved pedestrian links
- Creation of a more vibrant mixed-use town centre, retail-led
- Improved public transport and cycling/walking connections



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Delivery in the Canal Basin area

- Existing partnership with British Waterways to reopen historic Nottingham-Grantham canal
- Aims to develop a “unique selling point” and key visitor attraction for the town
- Provides new mixed-use, housing-led development and housing regeneration opportunities
- Links to proposals to regenerate nearby Earlesfield housing estate

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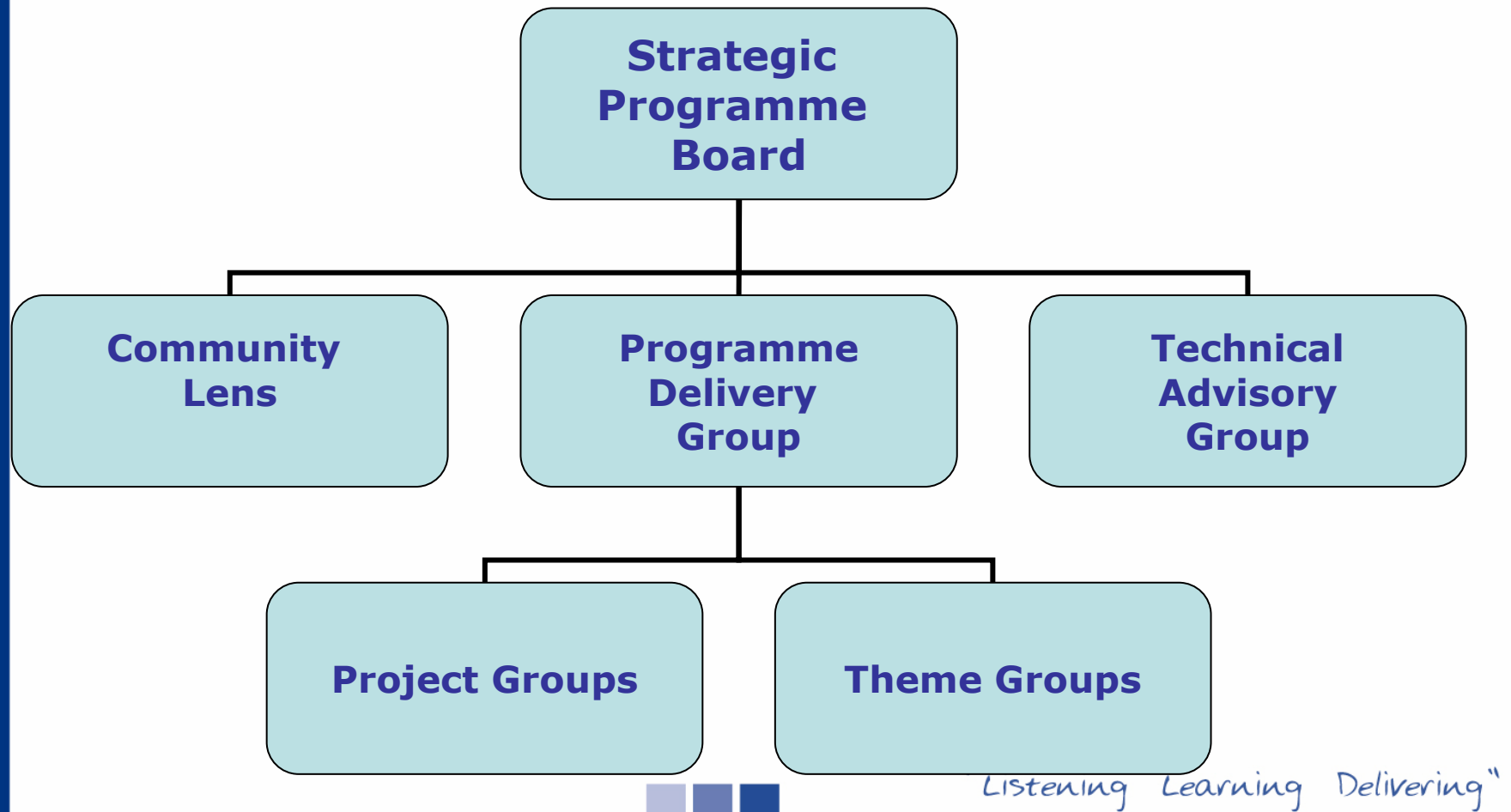


Delivery on other Urban Capacity sites

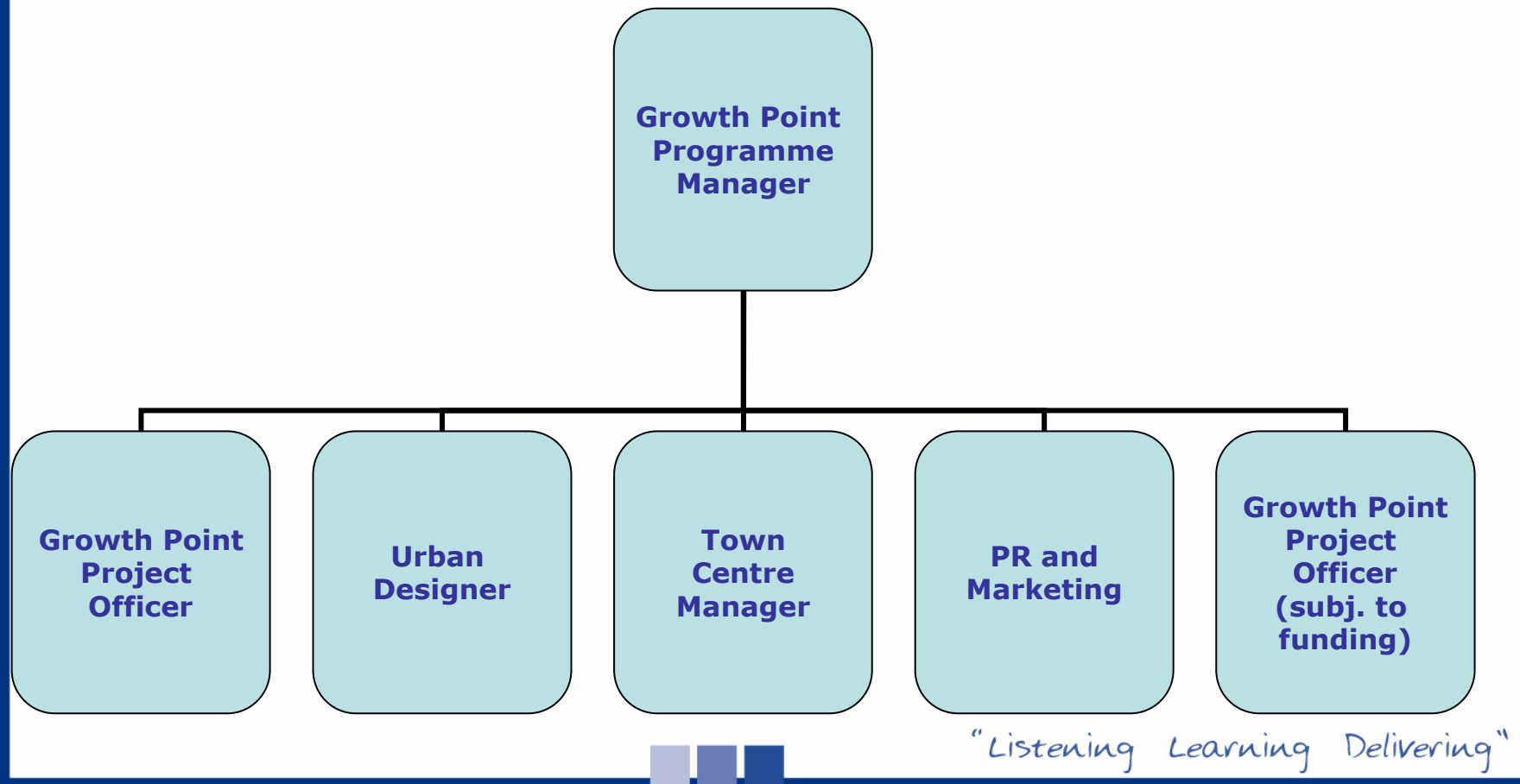
- 24 smaller, brownfield sites with potential for development identified in Urban Capacity study
- Likely to deliver small-scale residential plus some additional service provision
- Could provide up to 1081 dwellings over 15 year period

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The partnership



The team



Key areas to take forward

- **Project work**

- specific themes– e.g. transport, water infrastructure, planning processes
- geographical project areas – i.e. the Canal Basin, the Southern Quadrant

- **Partnership**

- Maintain close working relationships with all partners, particularly GOEM and CLG

- **Communication**

- Maintain the level of communication, interest and support with major stakeholders and residents of Grantham and South Kesteven more generally

- **Forward planning**

- Identifying, assessing and mapping the major implications and opportunities for SKDC and LCC as organisations and for the District as a whole

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Any questions?



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