

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Economic Development Portfolio Holder

REPORT NO: PLA 872

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TITLE:	Approval of Peterborough Partial Local Investment Plan	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision	
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INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below: Yes	Full impact assessment Required: No
Equality and Diversity		
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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Cabinet Report CHSC0022 dated 8 th March 2010	

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet approves the Local Investment Plan, attached at Appendix 1, for the Peterborough Partial Housing Market Area as the basis for developing a delivery plan with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 2.1 To enable the Cabinet to consider the draft Local Investment Plan (LIP) for the Peterborough Partial Housing Market Area and for it to be approved as the basis for developing a delivery plan with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
- 2.2 The LIP supports the Good for Business and Quality Living Priority Themes.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Peterborough Partial LIP provides a strategic framework detailing partner priorities and principles for investment in growth, housing and regeneration. It is not a statutory document but is the HCA's way of doing business to support local authorities as they develop and implement their plans for places and communities.
- 3.2 The LIP is a result of collaborative work between the HCA, the three local authorities within the Peterborough Partial HMA (South Kesteven, South Holland and Rutland) and Lincolnshire County Council. A steering group and a working group with representatives from the partners were formed to develop the plan. This structure will be maintained to monitor progress against the plan and to complete an annual review.
- 3.3 The LIP does not create new policy but rather reflects implementation of the existing strategies in the LIP area. It pulls information together from a number of source documents including Sustainable Community Strategies, housing market assessments and economic development strategies as well as individual Council's corporate priorities and draws on the priorities set out in these documents and strategies to give a coordinated approach to growth, housing, economic development and regeneration.
- 3.4 The LIP vision is based on a strong place based approach to development, maximising sustainability through:
- Facilitating the growth of sustainable economic centres
 - Supporting market towns to be vibrant and prosperous
 - Maintaining diverse, thriving villages with jobs and homes for local people
- 3.5 The LIP will provide a long term coherent plan for determining priority areas for investment: it concentrates on the period 2011/12 to 2014/15 in detail, whilst also identifying longer term aspirations. The LIP should not be seen as fixed. It will be subject to regular review to take into account changing policy context as well as to reflect wider partner priorities.
- 3.6 The LIP will also provide a framework for investment decisions by others including the HCA's investment partners, which includes Housing Associations, who will need to reflect the LIP priorities in their package offers to be submitted to the HCA, under the new Affordable Homes Programme, by early May.
- 3.7 The LIP covers both place based priorities and thematic priorities within and beyond the place-based priority areas. The thematic priorities developed in the LIP are:
- Rural housing
 - Meeting local housing needs
 - Supporting the economy and infrastructure

Whilst these priorities have been identified for the current version of the LIP, they will be subject to review and will inevitably change over time.

- 3.8 The Grantham LIP was approved by Cabinet in March 2010 and whilst Grantham is referenced in the Peterborough Partial LIP as a place based priority, the two LIPs will stand as separate documents.
- 3.9 In terms of delivery, it had previously been the intention to prepare Local Investment Agreements for the Peterborough Partial and Grantham LIPs to set out specific details of HCA interventions and worked up project appraisals. However, following the Comprehensive Spending Review and the restructuring of the HCA to a more strategic enabling and investment role, the way in which delivery of the LIP priorities will be taken forward has changed. Local Investment Agreements will not now be prepared. Instead a short delivery plan will be prepared to be added to the LIP. These will be drafted by the HCA following discussions with individual local authorities, with meetings to be held by the end of March 2011. They will be brief and will set out the HCA 'tools' most suitable to deliver the identified priorities and timescales for delivery.
- 3.10 It is understood that the Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) intend to have a role in delivery of the priorities identified in the 4 Lincolnshire LIPs, although the mechanism for their involvement has not yet been identified or agreed. It is likely that the LEP will focus on delivery of the economy and infrastructure priorities as well as those actions relating to Grantham.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 An alternative option would be to not to approve the LIP. However, it is not felt that this would be an appropriate course of action as it could place the authority in a weak position in terms of accessing HCA support and future investment from other partners will be based on an understanding of clearly identified local priorities.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The LIP reinforces existing funding priorities and does not create any additional financial commitments over and above current approved capital programmes. In due course, there will be a need to consider if new funding streams i.e. New Homes Bonus, should be directed towards supporting the delivery of the identified LIP priorities.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DATA QUALITY)

- 6.1 None identified.

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An equalities impact assessment (EIA) has been completed on the document. This has highlighted the following issues that have been incorporated into the Plan:

- The importance of projects targeted specifically at vulnerable and older people

- The need to have specific responses to meet the needs of residents living in rural areas to help prevent isolation and ensure access to facilities

7.2 Individual projects and proposals will be subject to further EIAs to ensure that no negative impacts occur.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None arising from this report.

9. COMMENTS OF DEPUTY SECTION 151 OFFICER

9.1 I have no specific financial comments to make in respect of this report.

10. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER

10.1 Although there is no specific legislation requiring the LIP to be prepared, it is required by the HCA and in terms of the Council accessing HCA support in the future the LIP must be in place. Whilst the LIP itself is not a legally binding document and does not create a new policy it does bring together aspirations and targets from a number of other source documents and will enable joint working between the various agencies involved in the project.

11. APPENDIX 1: Peterborough Partial Local Investment Plan