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To: County Council – 21 May 2015

Subject: Local Growth Fund: Governance Arrangements

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The County Council is asked to endorse the establishment of a joint executive committee with East Sussex County Council, Essex County Council, Medway Council, Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, for the purposes of managing the Local Growth Fund and other funds which may be directed by Government to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, as described in the attached report to the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee on 14 April 2015.

FOR
RECOMMENDATION
TO THE LEADER

1. (1) At its meeting on 14 April 2015, the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee considered and approved a report on the proposed governance arrangements for the Local Growth Fund (attached at **Appendix A**).

(2) The Cabinet Committee report proposes the establishment of a joint executive committee for the purposes of managing the Local Growth Fund and other funds which may be directed by Government to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership. The proposed terms of reference for the joint committee are appended to the Cabinet Committee report.

(3) If approved, the County Council is asked to note that representation on an executive joint committee is the decision of the Leader (see Appendix 2 Part 5 of the Constitution) who may appoint only Cabinet Members.. Furthermore, if the agreement to be made with the other authorities (as referred to in the Cabinet Committee report) involves the transfer or delegation of any discretionary decision-making from KCC, then the County Council will be required to give its consent to the detailed arrangements. A further report to County Council may therefore be required for this purpose.

(4) The Cabinet Committee endorsed the establishment of the joint committee and asked for regular update reports in order to allow it to monitor the working of the new partnership arrangements. However, given the significance of the proposal and in view of previous comments made by Members about the governance arrangements for decisions on the allocation of

regional development funds, the Leader of the Council has specifically requested the County Council to give consideration to the proposal at this stage and advise him accordingly.

Recommendations

2. (1) The County Council is invited to endorse the establishment of a joint executive committee with East Sussex County Council, Essex County Council, Medway Council, Thurrock Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, for the purposes of managing the Local Growth Fund and other funds which may be directed by Government to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership; and advise the Leader of the Council accordingly.

Peter Sass
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Background Papers: Report and draft minute of the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee, 14 April 2015