

29 September 2022

Report of the Leader of the Council**Agreement of the Terms of Reference of the Staffordshire Leaders Board****Exempt Information**

None

Purpose

To enable Cabinet to consider the revised Terms of Reference agreed by the Staffordshire Leaders Board.

Recommendations

1. To endorse the updates made to the Terms of Reference for the Staffordshire Leaders Board as attached at appendix 1

Executive Summary

Cabinet will recall endorsing the report of the Leader of the Council presented on the 17 February 2022, when they agreed participation in the Staffordshire Leaders Board, and approved the Leader of the Council as the representative, along with the Deputy Leader as a substitute member.

Since that time the board has met formally and has discussed and agreed updates to the terms of reference presented with the original report, and have recommended for transparency, these are further endorsed by the executive of all members of the board.

This report seeks that endorsement and the updated terms of reference is attached at appendix 1.

Although contained within appendix 1, for ease of reading, the remit of the Staffordshire Leaders Board will be:

- i. To lead and oversee the development of a county devolution deal for Staffordshire with HM Government.
- ii. To lead and oversee the alignment of relevant local authority action on Climate Change, Waste and Sustainability.
- iii. To lead and oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans for Enterprise and Government Funding and Investment streams.
- iv. To lead and oversee the alignment of local authority interaction with the Health sector in Staffordshire.
- v. To lead and oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans for future Infrastructure.
- vi. To lead and oversee the alignment of relevant local authority plans in relation to Housing and Homelessness.
- vii. To initiate, lead and oversee Staffordshire-wide joint initiatives to enhance local government efficiency and effectiveness.
- viii. To act as a local public sector decision-making body for strategic economic growth.
- ix. To act as a conduit to other sub-regional and regional bodies such as the Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Midlands Engine.

- x. Where appropriate, to agree shared priorities and bids for funding to existing and new funding sources such as Local Growth Funds and the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- xi. To monitor and evaluate projects and programmes of activity commissioned directly by the Committee.
- xii. To communicate and, where unanimously agreed, to align activity across Staffordshire on a range of other key public priorities that affect citizens.
- xiii. To prioritise and make decisions on the use of the funding that the Committee may influence or control.

Options Considered

None

Resource Implications

There are no immediate and significant financial implications arising from the establishment of the Leaders Board in itself. It is intended that it will derive its support from its constituent members. As and when individual projects are commissioned the board will consider the resource requirements necessary to deliver those projects.

Legal/Risk Implications Background

The Joint Committee will act as a Joint Committee under Section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

Equalities Implications

None directly arising from this report

Environment and Sustainability Implications (including climate change)

Climate change and sustainability are noted as a key priority for the Leaders board.

Background Information

Cabinet 17 February 2022

Staffordshire Leaders Board 23 June 2022

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List of Background Papers

Nil

Appendices

Appendix 1 terms of reference/constitution of the leaders board