

**UPDATE ON THE EXTENSION TO THE INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT FOR THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE UNTIL 1 APRIL 2023**

**AGENDA NO:**

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| <b>Meeting</b>   | 26 January 2022  |
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| <b>Background documents</b>                                    | Strategic Economic Plan for Gloucestershire 2014 and<br><br>Strategic Economic Plan for Gloucestershire Update 2018  |
| <b>Location/Contact for inspection of background documents</b> | <a href="https://www.gfirstlep.com/about-us/our-vision/strategic-economic-plan/">https://www.gfirstlep.com/about-us/our-vision/strategic-economic-plan/</a> and<br><br>Gloucestershire County Council's Democratic Services, Shire Hall,<br>Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL1 2TG |
| <b>Main consultees</b>   | Leadership Gloucestershire   |
| <b>Planned dates</b>   | March 2022 – Letter signed by all the partner authorities to the Inter Authority Agreement dated 4 September 2014 (IAA) to be completed to enable the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee ('the Joint Committee') to continue operating until 1 April 2023           |
| <b>Purpose of report</b>                                       | To provide the Committee with an update on the proposed extension to the Inter Authority Agreement to enable the Joint Committee to continue operating until 1 April 2023.   |
| <b>Recommendations</b>   | To note the arrangements to extend the Inter Authority Agreement to allow the Joint Committee to continue operating until 1 April 2023.  |
| <b>Reasons for recommendations</b>                             | To update the Joint Committee on the arrangements to allow it to continue operating until 1 April 2023.  |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                                   | None   |

## Update

1. The Joint Committee was formed on 4 September 2014 through an Inter Authority Agreement between the County Council and Gloucestershire District authorities ('the partner authorities') which sets out the parameters within which it is to operate and its terms of reference.
2. The initial term for the Joint Committee, set out in the IAA, was for a five-year term which was due to end in September 2020. In late July/August 2020, the partner authorities subsequently agreed to extend the term of the IAA until March 2022.
3. On 13 January 2022, the partner authorities considered the future of the Joint Committee at their Leadership Gloucestershire meeting. Leadership Gloucestershire were mindful that the DLUHC 'Levelling Up' white paper had not been published, and it was likely to include further clarity about the overarching governance arrangements for delivering the Government's levelling up agenda, which might impact the way the Joint Committee operates. As a result, Leadership Gloucestershire were supportive of the IAA being extended until 1 April 2023 to enable the Joint Committee to continue operating pending further consideration of the white paper once it is published.
4. The next steps will be for the individual partner authorities to undertake their formal decision-making processes to enable the IAA to be extended to allow the Joint Committee to continue to operate until 1 April 2023.