

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Lead Member Decision – Leader of the Council**

**10 May 2018**

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| <p><b>Oxfordshire Growth Board Governance<br/>Arrangements</b></p> |
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### **Report of Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

To agree the council's representation on the Oxfordshire Growth Board Sub groups and Scrutiny Panel.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Leader:

- 1.1 Agrees that the Assistant Director Law and Governance be delegated to appoint to the Oxfordshire Growth Board sub groups and Scrutiny Panel in consultation with the Conservative and Labour Group Leaders, as set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of this report

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 The Oxfordshire Growth Board is now responsible for delivery of the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal which was agreed by all Oxfordshire authorities and Government in February 2018. The Growth Board Terms of Reference have been updated to reflect these new responsibilities and new programmes of work required to deliver the commitment in the Deal.

#### **3.0 Report Details**

##### **Oxfordshire Growth Board Advisory Sub Groups**

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference establish advisory sub groups to the Growth Board to oversee programmes of work on infrastructure, housing and the Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. The purpose of the sub groups is to oversee the programmes of work to deliver the commitments in the Deal, to monitor progress against the key milestones and make recommendations to the Growth Board on decisions required. It is expected that the sub groups will normally meet on a quarterly basis.
- 3.2 The advisory sub groups will be made up of elected member representatives from each of the constituent councils appointed by the Leader of that council and other representatives as agreed by members of the Growth Board Joint Committee. The

Chair of the sub-groups will be appointed by the Growth Board and normally drawn from the voting membership of the Growth Board acting as an independent Chair.

***The Leaders are asked to nominate a member representative and a substitute member representative to each of the three boards.***

| <b>Sub Group</b> | <b>Representative</b>              | <b>Substitute</b>                  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Infrastructure   | Nominated by Leader of the Council | Nominated by Leader of the Council |
| Housing          | Nominated by Leader of the Council | Nominated by Leader of the Council |
| JSSP             | Nominated by Leader of the Council | Nominated by Leader of the Council |

### **Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel**

- 3.3 The Terms of Reference also establishes a new Growth Board Scrutiny Panel to enable effective and coordinated scrutiny of Growth Board functions and decisions. The Scrutiny Panel will be non-statutory to enable flexibility for the constituent councils to reflect local scrutiny membership. The ability of the constituent council Scrutiny Committees to scrutinise the Growth Board will remain. The Terms of Reference and working arrangements for the Scrutiny Panel will be developed with input from the Scrutiny Committee Chairs of the individual councils. The Chair will be elected by the members of the Scrutiny Panel.

***Leaders of the Conservative and Labour Groups are asked to nominate member representatives to the Scrutiny Panel as set out below***

| <b>Growth Board Scrutiny Panel Representative</b> |
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| 1) Nominated by Leader of the Conservative Group  |
| 2) Nominated by Leader of the Conservative Group  |
| 3) Nominated by Leader of the Labour Group        |

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 Ensuring good governance of the Growth Board is important in delivering the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal, the proposed nominations will ensure that Cherwell District Council is effectively represented.

## **5.0 Consultation**

There are no external consultees for the proposed arrangements, all other Oxfordshire principal authorities have been consulted and are in agreement.

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

No alternative options have been identified.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There would be no direct resource implications as a result of this proposal.

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### Legal Implications

7.2 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this proposal.

Legal Implications Checked by: James Doble, Assistant Director Law and Governance, 0300 003 0207 [james.doble@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:james.doble@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk)

## 8.0 Decision Information

### Key Decision

**Financial Threshold Met:** n/a

**Community Impact Threshold Met:** n/a

### Wards Affected

All

### Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

Operational excellence (including rigorous financial management, effective governance and commercial excellence)

### Lead Councillor

Councillor Barry Wood

### Document Information

| Appendix No         | Title   |
|---------------------|---|
| None                | None  |
| Background Papers   |   |
| None                |   |
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