

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 22 November 2010

Decision No: (CAB 10/11 4951)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADERS' PORTFOLIO
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT
AUTHOR:	Jeff Walters, Economic Development Manager

THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director, Corporate Policy and Economic Development following consultation with the Leader of the Council to consult on the draft Local Economic Assessment for Southampton; and
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director, Corporate Policy and Economic Development following consultation with the Leader of the Council to take any other action necessary to meet the Council's obligations under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 in respect the duty to produce a Local Economic Assessment (LEA).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To meet the timetable of preparing and approving a LEA by 31 March 2011.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The Council could argue that as its administrative area has been included within Hampshire Local Economic Assessment, publication of which was led by Hampshire County Council, it has fulfilled its statutory obligation which provides for groups of local authorities to publish LEAs. However, because this LEA covers the whole of the 'Hampshire Local Economic Area' Southampton's economic position and priorities are not fully reflected. This has been communicated to the County Council.
2. An LEA could have been produced for South Hampshire facilitated by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire. However, as the duty applies to upper and unitary authorities and PUSH is neither of these things this was not a tenable option. The refresh of the PUSH Economic Development Strategy has provided valuable data and insights in supporting the LEA for

Southampton.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable)* *(this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*