

## PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PLAN

### DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE



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#### PURPOSE

1. To consult members on the introduction of the revised Planning Enforcement Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. Members are advised to note content of report

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The Government recommends in paragraph 59 of the National Planning Policy Framework that : *'Effective enforcement is important to maintain public confidence in the planning system. Enforcement action is discretionary, and local planning authorities should act proportionately in responding to suspected breaches of planning control. They should consider publishing a local enforcement plan to manage enforcement proactively, in a way that is appropriate to their area. This should set out how they will monitor the implementation of planning permissions, investigate alleged cases of unauthorised development and take action where appropriate.'*

#### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. This policy is intended to provide guidance to officers, to businesses and to members of the public, setting out the principles and the standards the service will work to in enforcing breaches of planning control. It sets out what we can and can't do in terms of planning enforcement. It also explains how complaints are investigated, how we prioritise and what tools we have available where enforcement action is considered necessary.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

5. None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6. None

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

7. None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. Planning Enforcement Plan – May 2023

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## **APPENDIX 1: Examples of Combined Authorities and Deals**

### **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CA (Six councils)**

CA Established June 2016 Governance: combined authority with directly elected mayor

The deal includes specific funding for housing, with the Mayor responsible for a £100m housing and infrastructure fund, and the combined authority having control over a ringfenced £70m to meet housing needs. The Combined Authority has control of an additional £20million a year funding allocation over 30 years, to be invested to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Single Investment Fund, to boost growth.

The Mayor has number of powers under the deal, including responsibility of a multiyear, consolidated transport budget, an identified Key Route network of local authority roads and strategic planning powers. The Combined Authority, working with the Mayor, has powers including responsibility for chairing a review of 16+ skills provision, devolved adult skills funding from 2018-19 and joint responsibility with Government and other local partner organisations to co-design the new National Work and Health Programme focusing on those with a health condition or disability and the very long term unemployed.

### **Greater Manchester CA (10 Councils)**

CA formally established 2016 (first deal 2014) Governance: combined authority with a directly elected mayor

The first deal included a devolved and consolidated transport budget, responsibility for franchised bus services and integrated smart ticketing across all local modes of transport, as well as exploring opportunities for devolving rail stations across the GMCA area. Powers powers over strategic planning, control of a new £300 million Housing Investment Fund, a reformed earn back deal and agreement for the mayor of GMCA to take on the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. Responsibility for devolved business support budgets, control of the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers and power to reshape Further Education (FE) provision are also included, as is control of an expanded Working Well pilot and joint commissioning arrangements with DWP for the Work Programme.

Subsequent expansions of deal: July 2015

Following the initial deal in 2014, Greater Manchester and NHS England signed up to arrangements to bring together £6 billion of NHS and social care budgets so that joint planning of these services deliver better care for patients. In addition, the March 2015 Budget announced a pilot scheme in Greater Manchester and Cheshire East to enable the retention of 100% of any additional business rate growth.

November 2015

Further devolution to GMCA includes a commitment from Government to consider how regulatory reform can support local housing and public service reform aspirations, the power to implement a Community Infrastructure Levy and the development of a business case for a Land Programme. It also sets out that the Infrastructure Commission will provide advice on investment priorities for the North, transparency commitments pertaining to the funding of franchised bus services and agreement to consider proposals for a joint investment platform to improve the area's highways network. Subject to legislation, the Mayor will have the power to introduce a Business Rates Supplement, and GMCA will agree a MOU with the British Business Bank setting out how they will work together to

support SMEs. The deal also outlines considerations for the establishment of a Public Service Reform Investment Fund and how Government will support GMCA to develop and implement an integrated approach to preventative services for children and young people. GMCA will carry out an analysis of all post-19 skills provision. The deal commits to discussion on further areas for co-operation and grants that GMCA will gain Intermediate Body status.

Subsequent expansions of deal: March 2016

The GMCA also intends to absorb the Manchester joint waste disposal authority To bring together funding from the Troubled Families Programme, Working Well pilot; Cabinet Office Life Chances Fund into a Life Chances Investment Fund Work with the Government and PCC on joint commissioning of offender management services, youth justice and services for youth offenders, the courts and prisons estates, 'sobriety tagging', and custody budgets; The Government to enable local commissioning of outcomes to be achieved from the adult education budget starting in academic year 2016/17; and will fully devolve budgets to the Combined Authority from academic year 2018/19. These arrangements do not cover apprenticeships. GMCA pilot 100% retention of business rates as of 1 April 2017

### **Liverpool City Region CA (6 Councils)**

Governance: Combined Authority with a directly elected mayor

The deal includes devolved responsibility for a consolidated transport budget with a multi-year settlement, responsibility for franchised bus services and powers over strategic planning, including the creation of new Mayoral Development Corporation. LCR will also create a Single Investment Fund that draws together city region and agreed national funding streams, to which central government will allocate an additional £30 million a year funding over 30 years to unlock economic potential in the region. Further components of the deal include new responsibilities and devolved arrangements for skills provision, a commitment to work towards a devolved approach to business support and a stated partnership approach with Government on innovation, energy and National Museums Liverpool. Full deal details Subsequent expansion of deal: March 2016 This gives Liverpool additional new powers over transport, pilots the approach to 100% business rate retention across the city region, as well as agreeing further commitments for the City Region and Government to work together on children's services, health, housing and justice.

### **North of Tyne (3 councils – inc one county) November 2018**

Governance: combined authority with a new directly elected mayor

In the 2017 Autumn Budget, the Government announced that it had agreed a 'minded to' devolution deal with the North of Tyne authorities, which will be subject to the consent of local partners. This would see £600million of investment in the region over 30 years and create a new mayor elected in 2019 with powers over key economic levers including planning and skills. Full deal details For further information on devolution deals and a register of the powers devolved [click here](#)