

**PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TO THE
LONDON STANSTED CAMBRIDGE CONSORTIUM**

Presented by the Head of Planning and Strategic Partnerships

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The London Stansted Cambridge Consortium is seeking a contribution of £12,000 (£9,000 to cover the Authority and £3,000 to cover the Trust) to support its continued work in promoting economic growth and liveability in the corridor between north and east London and Cambridge. The Consortium is an umbrella body for key stakeholders in North London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire, including the local authorities and London regional government, tasked to promote the regeneration of the area.

The importance of partnership working is recognised in the Park Development Framework Vision, Aims and Principles (2010). Finance and Audit Committee agreed a policy framework for how the Authority manages partnerships in June 2008. This requires that the Authority's partnerships are consistent with the delivery of its strategic aims.

The Consortium has a clear focus on the regeneration of the sub-regional economy, and strategic transport improvements. These priorities align broadly with the Authority's core business and support its wider strategic objectives. It is recommended that the Authority agrees to the proposed contribution.

RECOMMENDATION

Members Approve: (1) the Authority's total contribution of £12,000 to the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium for 2015-16.

BACKGROUND

1 The Authority has worked closely with the North London Strategic Alliance (NLSA) for several years which has been focused on the regeneration of the Upper Lee Valley. In 2012 the NLSA led on the establishment of the London Stansted Corridor Consortium (LSCC) to lobby Government on behalf of the Local Enterprise Partnerships to secure an integrated response on major issues

affecting the 'corridor'. In 2013 the NLSA was disbanded.

- 2 The LSCC budget of £530,000 for 2015-16 is made up of contributions from several sources. Local authorities contribute between £10,000 and £15,000pa each, in addition the 10 Further Education colleges within the corridor plus four of the universities also pay membership fees, as does the London Legacy Development Corporation. A further £300,000 will be achieved through contributions from Local Enterprise Partnerships and the private sector.
- 3 Finance and Audit Committee agreed a policy framework for how the Authority manages partnerships in June 2008. This requires that the Authority's partnerships are consistent with delivery of its strategic aims. The partnership is consistent with the Authority's adopted aims by working to improve the economic and social well being of people in the north London boroughs. The development of the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium includes both Hertfordshire and Essex.
- 4 On 4 November 2013 and 25 February the LSCC Board agreed the contributions that individual authorities and stakeholders would be asked to pay which included £12,000 from the Authority for 2015/16. However since the advent of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust it has been agreed that the Authority would be required to contribute £9,000 and the Trust £3,000.

CURRENT PRIORITIES

- 5 The LSCC is currently working towards the development of a three year plan from 2016-2019 focussed on the following areas:
 - **Promote the corridor** – which covers supporting the member bodies through a strong and clear narrative enabling positioning with government, Whitehall and the investor community;
 - **Making the case for infrastructure** – prioritising and focussing on key infrastructure requirements to support growth, including Cross Rail 2;
 - **Supporting key sectors** – identifying growth spaces for expansion, supporting labour mobility and encouraging skills development.
- 6 Although the focus of the LSCC is an umbrella body designed to lobby national and regional government to support economic development of the 'corridor'. It maintains the Authority's profile enabling it to engage with a wide group of stakeholders including the private sector in an increasingly complex regeneration agenda. Projects such as those on 'Liveability' are consistent with the Authority's ambitions. Clearly on some projects, such as Cross Rail, the Authority's role may be at variance with many partner members but the partnership allows the Authority to be heard and influence the direction of policy. The LSCC as a membership organisation will make decisions by consensus and therefore the Authority, as a full member, will be able to have greater influence by participating in these discussions.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7 There are no environmental implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8 The partner contribution represents a one off payment and is available from the Strategic Partnerships Fund. Assessment against the Prudential Code addresses the following points:
- there will be no additional impact on the levy as the costs will be borne from existing budgets;
 - there will be no impact on borrowing; and
 - the contribution represents value for money given that it will support the delivery of the Authority's strategic aim of improving access for visitors.
- 9 For 2015-16 the LSCC member authorities will be asked to contribute between £10,000 and £15,000; the Authority will be asked to contribute £12,000 – (£9,000 for the Authority and £3,000 for the Trust).

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 10 There are no equality implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 11 There are no human resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12 There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 13 There are no risk management implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

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BACKGROUND REPORTS

LSCC draft 3 year business strategy

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive	E/06/09	Partnerships	10 September 2009
Executive	E/93/10	Partnership Contribution to NLSA	21 October 2010
Executive	E/174/11	Partnership Contribution to NLSA	16 December 2011
Executive	E/264/13	Partnership Contribution to NLSA	28 February 2013
Executive	E/382/14	Partnership Contribution to LSCC	18 December 2014

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NLSA	North London Strategic Alliance
LSCC	London Stansted Cambridge Consortium Or London Stansted Cambridge Corridor according to context