

## **Executive 8 April 2008**

### **Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

## **Minutes of the Economic Development Partnership Board**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Economic Development Partnership Board and asks Members to consider the advice given by the Board in its capacity as an advisory body to the Executive.

### **Background**

2. The revised Constitution agreed by Council on 27 April 2006 created a number of Working Groups whose role is to advise the Executive on issues within their particular remits. To ensure that the Executive is able to consider the advice of the Working Groups, it has been agreed that minutes of the Groups' meetings will be brought to the Executive on a regular basis. The Executive has also agreed to receive minutes of the meetings of the Economic Development Partnership Board, which acts as an advisory body to the Council and to the Local Strategic Partnership.
3. Members have requested that draft minutes of Working Groups requiring Executive endorsement be submitted as soon as they become available. In accordance with that request, and the requirements of the Constitution, minutes of the following meeting are presented with this report:
  - Economic Development Partnership Board (EDPB) – draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2008 (Annex A).

### **Consultation**

4. No consultation has taken place on the attached minutes, which have been referred directly from the Partnership Board. It is assumed that any relevant consultation on the items considered by the Board was carried out in advance of its meeting.

## **Options**

5. Options open to the Executive are either to accept or to reject any advice that may be offered by the Board, and / or to comment on the advice.

## **Analysis**

6. Members are invited to consider in particular the Board's resolutions in respect of the future membership of the EDPB, at Minute 28 in Annex A. These require the specific approval of the Executive before they can be submitted to full Council for consideration.

## **FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

### **Corporate Priorities**

7. The aims in referring these minutes accord with the Council's corporate values to provide strong leadership in terms of advising these bodies on their direction and any recommendations they wish to make.

### **Implications**

8. There are no known implications in relation to the following in terms of dealing with the specific matter before Members, namely to consider the minutes and determine their response to the advice offered by the Board:
  - **Financial**
  - **Human Resources (HR)**
  - **Equalities**
  - **Legal**
  - **Crime and Disorder**
  - **Property**
  - **Other**

### **Risk Management**

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **Recommendations**

10. Members are asked to consider the minutes attached at Annex A and to decide whether they wish to respond to any of the advice offered by the Economic Development Partnership Board.

**Reason:**

To fulfil the requirements of the Council's Constitution in relation to the role of Working Groups and the Partnership Board.

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**Date** 28/3/08

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

**All**



**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annexes**

Annex A – Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Partnership Board held on 11 March 2008.

**Background Papers**

Agenda and associated reports for the above meeting (available on the Council's website).