

EXTRAORDINARY STRATEGY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**3****30 JULY 2020**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>CONTINUATION OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 2020 TO MARCH 2022</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To consider a request from the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee to extend the operation of the Joint Committee for a period of 18 months from 4 September 2020 together with agreeing to waive the 12 months' notice period set out in the Inter Authority Agreement between the partner authorities to enable the Joint Committee to continue.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>It is recommended that the Committee RESOLVES to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Waive and remove the twelve months' notice period set out in the Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) dated 4 September 2014 required to extend the IAA, including removing the need for future notice periods</b></li> <li><b>Agree to the GEGJC continuing to operate from September 2020 for a period of eighteen months</b></li> <li><b>Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Legal Services to agree and complete the appropriate legal formalities to allow the IAA to be extended for 18 months to enable the GEGJC to continue until March 2022.</b></li> </ol>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	None			
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<b>Options</b>	The Committee can decide not to extend the agreement			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 - Update on the Governance Arrangements for the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee Report.			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	No	No

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) considered a report about its overall governance arrangements at its meeting on 3 June 2020. A copy of the report is set out in the Appendix.
- 1.2 The report included an update regarding the Inter-Authority Agreement dated 4 September 2014 (IAA) which all Gloucestershire local authorities entered into to establish the Joint Committee. The report to the Joint Committee confirms that the initial term for the GEGJC was for a five year term which is due to end in September 2020.

- 1.3 The Joint Committee considered a proposal to extend the future operation of the Joint Committee for a further eighteen months following the end of the IAA in September 2020 and resolved to:

*Request the partner authorities to waive and remove the twelve months' notice period set out in the Inter-Authority Agreement dated 4 September 2014, including removing the need for future notice periods, and to agree to the GEGJC continuing to operate from September 2020 for a period of eighteen months.*

- 1.4 The proposed eighteen month period will allow Gloucestershire local authorities to continue to work collaboratively together on Gloucestershire's economic development through the Joint Committee. At its June meeting, the Joint Committee also identified that it will be supporting the economic recovery of the County as a result of the economic impact of COVID19. The 18 month extension will enable the Joint Committee to oversee the strategy development and delivery, as the principal partnership based economic co-ordination forum.
- 1.5 The proposed eighteen month extension to the Joint Committee does not present any particular risks to the authority.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from the extension of this Committee. The activities of the Committee are funded from the Strategic Economic Development Fund arising from the Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool.

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### **4.2 Legal Implications**

The IAA includes a provision to extend the committee which is triggered by 12 month's notice being served by any of the partner authorities. This did not take place before September 2019 and this provision in the IAA will need to be waived to enable the Joint Committee to continue until March 2022. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council agree to waive the 12 months' notice period to extend the IAA and agree an 18 month extension from 5 September 2020.

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### **4.3 Equality Implications**

The proposed 18 month continuation of the Joint Committee will not have any significant equality implications for anyone with the 'protected characteristics'.

### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendation in this report.