

## **Report for Resolution**

**Report to** Executive  
18 February 2009  
**Report of** Head of Planning and Regeneration  
**Subject** Joint Core Strategy

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### **Purpose**

This report requests Executive to delegate authority to the Director – Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Sustainable City Development to endorse further changes to the Joint Core Strategy following the meeting of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership meeting on 19 February 2009.

### **Recommendations**

That Executive delegates authority to the Director – Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Sustainable City Development to endorse changes to the favoured option of the Joint Core Strategy and other consequential changes to public consultation documents following the meeting of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership meeting on 19 February 2009.

### **Financial Consequences**

There are no financial consequences of this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are no risks arising from this report.

### **Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities**

The report helps to meet the strategic priority “Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future” and the service plan priority to deliver the joint core strategy.

**Executive Member:** Councillor Morrey - Sustainable City Development

**Ward:** All

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## **Background Documents**

Report on Joint Core Strategy, Executive 21/1/09

## Report

1. At Executive on 21 January 2009 Members resolved to endorse the favoured option of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership for the Joint Core Strategy for full public consultation subject to a review of the evidence and soundness by the Planning Inspectorate and subject to noting the concerns raised by the Local Development Framework Working Party.
2. Officers have received initial feedback from the Planning Inspectorate's review of the Joint Core Strategy process. It appears that the review has raised similar issues to the concerns reported to Executive from the council's Local Development Framework Working Party.
3. The Greater Norwich Development Partnership meets again on 19 February 2009 to consider the Planning Inspectorate feedback, and will decide its response to the review before authorising the next stage of public consultation on the strategy.
4. The public consultation needs to be a minimum of eight weeks and must finish by 24 April 2009 so it avoids the purdah period due to the Norfolk County Council elections. It must therefore begin in early March.
5. Should any changes to the Joint Core Strategy be agreed by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership on 19<sup>th</sup> February they will need to be formally endorsed by the City Council. There is not enough time to do so at the next scheduled meeting of the Executive and it is imperative that the consultation timetable is met. For that reason this report is recommending that the power to endorse any further changes to the favoured option of the Joint Core Strategy and other consequential changes to public consultation documents arising from the GNDP's meeting on behalf of the City Council are delegated to the Director – Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Sustainable City Development.
6. This is an urgent report agreed by the Chair of Executive, and is needed for the reasons given above to enable a very tight consultation timetable to be met.