

WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP

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Report by Chief Executive

WEST OF ENGLAND DELIVERY PLAN

Purpose of report

1. To give members the opportunity to comment on the first draft of the Delivery Plan which has been produced by consultants SQW on behalf of the Partnership.

Background

2. The experience of other major growth areas involving several local authorities, notably Thames Gateway, has shown the need for an overarching plan and timetable for the necessary infrastructure, housing and other developments. The Partnership secured £100,000 from the government's New Growth Points funding to finance the development of the West of England Delivery Plan. The Plan should help co-ordination of the phasing of growth-related work in the sub-region and assist councils and all other stakeholders to see the bigger picture.
3. SQW was appointed to initiate this work. They have contacted officers within the four authorities and a broad range of other partners to assist them. In September over 90 people attended a workshop held at @t Bristol. Since then SQW have cast the net even wider to get views of other stakeholders, including major developers.
4. The Plan will be a 'live' document needing constant updating as the programme of work develops. At the beginning of October the Partnership submitted a Programme of Development to the government's Communities and Local Government in the hope of attracting further funding from New Growth Points to address other aspects of 'the growth agenda'.
5. Please note that the attached document is an early draft.

Recommendations

That the Partnership considers the draft and comments.

Appendix A Draft West of England Delivery Plan – **to follow**