

CABINET – DECISION NOTICE

22 April 2024

Present:-

Councillors R Croad, A Davis, R Gilbert, J Hart (Chair), S Hughes, A Leadbetter, J McInnes (Vice-Chair), L Samuel, A Saywell and P Twiss

Members attending in accordance with Standing Orders 8 and 25

Councillors J Brazil, C Leaver and C Whitton

Councillor F Biederman (remote attendance)

6 Proposed Devon & Torbay Combined County Authority and Devolution Deal

(Councillor Davis declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this matter by virtue of being Chair of Exmoor National Park and also the Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub National Transport Body and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration).

RESOLVED

that Council be recommended to;

(a) thank all those who responded to the consultation be thanked, for the time they gave in considering the draft proposal and in preparing responses to it;

(b) consider the analysis of the responses (Appendix A) on the draft proposal for the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority, showing the variety, breadth and range of views expressed,

(c) approve the proposal (Appendix B) for the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (DT CCA) for submission to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, having taken into consideration and having due regard to the consultation responses and the Public Sector Equality Duty.

(d) delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the making of the necessary Regulations to create the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority thereby implementing and giving effect to the proposal, subject to those Regulations reflecting the principles in the proposal document and this report.

(e) note that, subject to the approval of the proposal and making of Regulations, the Council will give consideration to a draft constitution for the DT CCA in September 2024.

(f) support the establishment of the statutory Team Devon Joint Committee to formalise the existing partnership, address shared priorities and have a voice in the work of the Combined County Authority and note that its proposed terms of reference will be considered by the Council in September 2024.

* **8** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act namely, financial and business affairs of the Council and third parties, and in accordance with Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, by virtue of the fact that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

* **9** **Exeter Science Park Limited Guarantee**

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the current position and proposals, as outlined in Report, and that the recommendations at (a), (b) and (c) relating to the Exeter Science Park Limited Guarantee and ongoing negotiations, be approved, subject to inclusion of the Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery and Skills at recommendation (a).