

Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 18 September 2019

South Staffordshire Growth Agreement



Cllr Philip Atkins, Leader of the Council said,

“Our strong and successful relationship with South Staffordshire District Council has delivered results with national and regional significance in recent years. The near fully occupied i54 South Staffordshire site, and recent progress on a major extension to the business park, are bringing investment, income and 2,700 higher skilled, better paid jobs to the area in just eight years. This new agreement sets out our combined strategy to grow and further develop South Staffordshire’s economy and its communities in a way that benefits everyone. Working together to plan for the future and combine

our resources, our two councils will lay the foundations for long term prosperity and a great quality of life for people in South Staffordshire.”

Report Summary:

A growth agreement has been developed between Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire District Council building on the success of the previous two district deals, which outlines a joint vision for the district which also supports the delivery of SCC’s Connected Staffordshire Strategic Plan 2018-2022. This has provided an opportunity for both authorities to agree a range of working principles and strategic priorities for the future.

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. Approve the South Staffordshire Growth agreement developed between Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC).
- b. Support the implementation of the agreement.

Local Members Interest	
Mark Sutton	Brewood
Kath Perry	Cheslyn Hay, Essington and Great Wyrley
Bernard Williams	
Bob Spencer	Codsall
Victoria Wilson	Kinver
David Williams	Penkridge
Keith James	Perton
Mike Davies	Wombourne

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Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. The South Staffordshire Growth agreement which is attached at Appendix 1 provides an opportunity for SCC and SSDC to agree a joint vision for the future of South Staffordshire and the considerable contribution it makes to the economy of the county of Staffordshire.
2. The agreement builds on a commitment between both authorities to take a joint strategic approach in agreeing a range of key priorities that can only be delivered in partnership. The strength of partnership working between SCC and SSDC in recent years has helped to deliver major economic benefits in the district including 8,000 new jobs since 2014. This agreement aims to build on those achievements through continued collaborative working to bring forward further long-term inclusive growth for our communities and businesses, supported by the necessary infrastructure to locally maximise the benefits of growth in South Staffordshire.
3. This agreement sets out a combined strategy to continue to grow and develop South Staffordshire's economy and its communities in a way that benefits everyone. By working together to plan for the future and combining resources, the two councils will be laying foundations for long term prosperity and a good quality of life for people in South Staffordshire.
4. To ensure that the vision within the agreement is delivered a detailed action plan has been developed and will be monitored through a joint governance board. The action plan builds on a set of joint working principles that both Local Authorities

have agreed that will translate through into **how** in partnership we will deliver growth in South Staffordshire. For each of the priorities on the action plan should there be a financial or resource implication then a separate report will be brought forward through appropriate governance.

5. This agreement replaces the previous district deal arrangements between SCC and SSDC and provides a more structured approach in delivering a range of key priorities.
6. As part of the implementation process it has been agreed that a joint governance board which will include the leaders of both councils will meet quarterly to ensure that agreed priorities are delivered and where appropriate cabinet approvals sought.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Appendix 1 – South Staffordshire Growth Agreement

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