

1 July 2014**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY****CALL FOR EVIDENCE RESPONSE SUBMITTED UNDER URGENCY
PROCEDURE:
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PUBLIC
SERVICES IN NON-METROPOLITAN ENGLAND****Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise members of a response submitted under the urgency procedure to a call for evidence from the Independent Commission on economic growth and public services in non-metropolitan England.

Information and advice

2. The Independent Commission on economic growth and public services in non-metropolitan England (henceforth 'the non-metropolitan commission') was established by the Local Government Association earlier in 2014. It is chaired by Sir John Peace, who is supported in this role by the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council.
3. On 23rd May, the Commission launched a 'call for evidence' to support its investigation into the opportunities, challenges and barriers to growth in England's non-metropolitan areas. The closing date for responses is 27th June.
4. A copy of the call for evidence is attached. Not all of the questions required a County Council response as they were more focused on national statistics in terms of trends, productivity and social challenges.
5. Given the deadline for responses was 27th June and papers for Committee were published on 23rd June, it has not been possible to circulate a copy of the response with this report. However, copies of the response will be circulated to Committee Members on 30th June and will be available at Committee on 1st July.
6. The response was signed off through the provisions for urgent decisions by the Chief Executive (Option C, Part C of the Constitution – decision by the Chief Executive) due to the submission deadline being outside of the Committee cycle.

Reason(s) for Recommendations

7. Decisions taken through the urgency procedures are required to be reported to the next available Committee meeting.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that Committee notes this report.

Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy, Celia Morris

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Constitutional Comments

As the report is for noting only, constitutional comments are not required.

Financial Comments

There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All