

## LEADER DECISION

### Decision:

#### (i) Details of decision

##### **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE CLG / BIS CONSULTATION ON THE POLICY STATEMENT ON REGIONAL STRATEGIES AND GUIDANCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LEADERS' BOARDS**

- (1) That the draft Surrey County Council response to the Government Consultation on the *Policy Statement on Regional Strategies and Guidance on the Establishment of Leaders' Boards*, attached at Annex 1 to the report submitted be endorsed, subject to the following amendments and additions:

2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point in key points – 'This is a **regrettable and** significant omission.' (additional text in bold);

paragraph 2 - include a comment regarding the lack of member scrutiny in the proposed regional governance arrangements;

paragraph 5 – 'A **regrettable and** significant omission, however, appears to be...' (additional text in bold); and

paragraph 9 – add a reference to how the costs of infrastructure are met.

- (2) That authority be delegated to the Lead Manager for Environment and Economy to make any further changes to the Surrey County Council response in consultation with the Leader, ahead of the consultation deadline of 30 October 2009.

#### (ii) Reasons for decision

Once signed off by Ministers, the new Regional Strategy will replace both the South East Plan and the Regional Economic Strategy and is intended to guide public and private sector investment in the region for 15-20 years. Thus it is vital that Surrey plays an active role in shaping and developing the strategy to help ensure it reflects the county's priorities, and meets Surrey County Council's drive for efficient and cost effective governance of Surrey.

It is also important to ensure that Surrey County Council's views are made known to government.

#### (iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None

#### (iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None

**Conflicts of Interest**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded)**

None

**Dispensation**

**(Any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted)**

None

**Decision taken by:**

- (i) Name:** David Hodge
- (ii) Portfolio:** Deputy Leader (exercising the function on behalf of the Leader)

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**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 16 October 2009

**Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Environment and Economy Select Committee):** 26 October 2009