

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet / Leader**  
PART II

**309. SUB-NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS**

1. The Cabinet approved a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on the emerging picture of sub-regional and sub-national partnership arrangements in respect of strategic spatial and economic planning, and the closely related topic of infrastructure. The Cabinet heard that the Greater Wessex area was economically significant being worth over £110bn per year. The emerging partnerships involved several Local Economic Partnerships and a number of upper tier local authorities. The further development of partnership working, including a potential city deal type arrangement, was recommended to develop a different relationship with Government in relation to growth and infrastructure. That relationship could provide opportunities for different financial arrangements to direct infrastructure funding to local economic areas.

2. The Cabinet acknowledged the existing successful partnership arrangements for Transport for South Hampshire and welcomed proposals for partnership arrangements at a higher level which would fill the gap between the national and smaller sub regional areas such as southern Hampshire. The Cabinet also emphasised the need to work positively with partners to represent the views of Hampshire residents.

3. Therefore, the Cabinet agreed that a positive approach by the County Council to actively engage with partners at the three different spatial levels operating on a complementary basis to bring forward appropriate proposals for delivery powers and funding from Whitehall, and to explore the potential for future city deal type arrangements, potentially also at all three levels.

Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Sub-National and Regional Infrastructure Partnerships (search item reference 4046)

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