

4th September 2015

Dear Colleague

A Devolution Proposal for Suffolk

Public Sector Organisations in Suffolk have been working together on a devolution proposal and we are aware that Central Government are seeking confirmation of our interest in devolution. Therefore we are writing to you setting out our intent to complete a devolution deal with central government over the coming months.

We are committed to continued and enhanced cross boundary working across East Anglia, are supportive of proposals from Norfolk and will be developing a joint approach around growth and productivity with Councils in Norfolk, New Anglia LEP and Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP.

We believe that our approach in Suffolk is different to others. We have a strong track record of working together across the public sector in the County (Councils (county and districts / boroughs), the Constabulary, the PCC and the health sector (be that CCGs or Trusts) as well as with local elements of central government (such as DWP). Many other devolution proposals lack this combined county wide commitment.

We have worked hard together to get this proposal submitted. We are committed to developing our proposals in formal meetings of all 8 Councils as well as at Governing Bodies of the CCGs and by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police. We remain committed to taking the proposal attached to these meetings as they are an important part of the democratic process.

We are aware of your enthusiasm to know about proposals and levels of interest early – and by 4th September for Comprehensive Spending Review reasons. Therefore, we are writing to inform you of our interest and to demonstrate the level of our ambition and the extent of work done to date. We attach an initial Summary of our proposal.

We look forward to working with you over the Autumn to develop a Devolution Deal for Suffolk.

Yours faithfully



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On behalf of the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group