

# **GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership**

## **Board Paper – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016**

**1. Agenda Item 9**

**2. What is this item for:**

- a. To confirm to the Board that it has been asked by the Climate Change Scrutiny Task Group of Gloucestershire County Council to respond to a number of recommendations from the Task Group.
- b. To provide an initial response to these recommendations and ask the Board to confirm any further follow-up actions.

**3. Background:**

The Climate Change Scrutiny Task Group published a report at the end of March 2016 (provided with this covering paper) and the report includes the following recommendations for the GFirst LEP Board:

The task group asks the GFirst LEP Board to:

- Recognise that climate change is an issue that will impact on the entire economy of Gloucestershire and that it needs to be addressed by all business sectors as well as the environment technology sector;
- Develop a coherent strategy to address the impacts of climate change (mitigation and adaptation) on the economy;
- Incorporate support for local businesses regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adoption of energy efficient measures, which will improve the viability and sustainability of Gloucestershire businesses, in their business advice.'

The attached report provides the context for this recommendation and details on the task group itself.

The GFirst LEP management team has been asked to raise this recommendation with the GFirst LEP Board and a formal response be given to the task group regarding the recommendation by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**4. Risks / Issues:**

Climate change has significant implications for the local economy. Failure to take action to address these implications could have serious negative consequences for local business continuity.

**5. Recommendations:**

The Board is asked to:

1. Note the contents of the attached report and recommendations from the Task Group
2. Note the attached initial response from GFirst LEP to these recommendations
3. Provide guidance to the LEP management team over any further actions requested by the Board in response to the recommendations from the Task Group.

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6. **Further information:**

For further information about GFirst LEP's response to the climate change agenda or points raised in the attached Board paper, please contact Pete Carr [peter.carr@gfirstlep.com](mailto:peter.carr@gfirstlep.com) or Martin Bruton [martin.bruton@gfirstlep.com](mailto:martin.bruton@gfirstlep.com)