

County Council – 1 April 2022

Item 12(a) – Notice of Motion on Growth Deals from Cllr Boram

Amendment by Cllr Sharp

This Council acknowledges the success of the Growth Deals since they were first introduced in 2015. The partnerships formed with the district and borough councils, along with other external partners, have delivered a number of projects across the county that have benefitted not only the economic vitality but also the public realm offering across many local areas. It is also worthy of note that the current Growth Programme has attracted £141m of external funding, including levelling up and Local Enterprise Partnership funding.

However, we now believe that in addition to the refresh of the individual deals that is underway, the Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development should also consider a refresh of the fundamental components of the Growth Deal programme to take account of the following:

- (1) The impact of the COVID pandemic on economic growth in the county, particularly those areas that have been hardest hit;
- (2) New ways of working and the shift in work patterns that may result from a return to a new normality; ~~and~~
- (3) The new government policies including the Levelling Up Agenda including funding and the targeting of resources; **and**
- (4) ***The Government's Environment Act, Decarbonisation priorities and Climate Change Committee advice in the wake of COP26.***