

# DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

## Support Gloucestershire County Council to submit an Investment Zone Expression of Interest.

### 1. Decision:

To support the County Council submission of an Investment Zone (IZ) Expression of Interest (Eoi) to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the area known as Central Gloucestershire City Region Investment Zone.

### 2. Background documents

The issued information from the Government is on-line at:

[Investment Zones in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/investment-zones-in-england)

### 3. Reasons for decision:

To support the County Council (and partners) to meet the overall objectives and timeline for submission.

### 4. Resource implications:

Support to complete the necessary documentation for the eoi.

### 5. Who has been consulted:

Leader and Member for Built Environment  
Corporate Leadership Team

### 6. What were the comments:

All were supportive of the Eoi

### 7. Background/context:

Through this Government initiative (Investment Zones), the opportunity is for the County in collaboration with the relevant District Councils, to submit an Eoi covering areas for potential badging as investment zones. At this stage of the process, various details are yet to be finalised including whether the sites are selected however, the opportunity exist that this would only support these areas of development.

Included in the County Council bid of relevance to TBC is the area called Central Gloucestershire City Region and includes:

West Cheltenham strategic allocation including safe-guarded land, North-West Cheltenham strategic allocation (Elms Park) including safe-guarded land, areas within Gloucestershire airport and Tewkesbury Garden Town. This zone also includes the M5 junctions 9 and 10.

### 8. Alternative options considered and why they were rejected:

Not supporting was rejected as an Investment Zone would give more certainty to the developments coming forward.

**9. Risk analysis:**

Further analysis will take place if the Eol is accepted.

**10. Any other relevant considerations:**

None.

**11. Chief Officer authorising decision:**

Chief Executive.

**12. Title of Officer completing report:**

Programme Director.

**13. Date:**

13 October 2022.