

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 19 December 2013

REFERENCES FROM ANGLIA REVENUES & BENEFITS JOINT COMMITTEE

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Council is asked to consider the following reference from the meeting of the ARP Joint Committee held on 12 December 2013

2. New Partner Business Case

- 2.1 The ARP Joint Committee were presented a business case recommending that Fenland District Council be admitted as a full Partner.
- 2.2 Members were advised that the expansion would not add much risk but would realise significant savings. It was also a good time to undertake the expansion as the project could be amalgamated with the next phase of partnership working with Waveney and Suffolk Coastal.
- 2.3 The aim was to have the new Partnership in place for the start of the financial year, April 2014.
- 2.4 Some concerns were raised about the distances involved and it was clarified that Fenland staff would remain in their location. The use of modern technology, including home-working and video conferencing would reduce the need for travel by the Strategic Management Team.
- 2.5 It was agreed that as long as the Partnership could continue to offer a good service to the tax payer and value for money, the expansion could be supported.

RECOMMEND TO EACH PARTNER AUTHORITY that subject to due diligence, Fenland District Council be admitted as a full member of the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership with effect from 1 April 2014.