**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To obtain feedback on the draft North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan and to seek the committees support to endorse the document**.**

**2. INFORMATION**

The Delivery Plan as reported at the 12th Aug joint committee that this critical piece of work was being undertaken, which was also a key milestone for DCLG relating to the funding.

Aspinall Verdi, alongside IBI and WYG, has been commissioned by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and Joint Delivery Unit, on behalf of partner authorities, to prepare an overarching North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan.

The Delivery Plan has got to the stage of a final draft, which needs member feedback and endorsement.

The consultants were given the task to identify the areas that are restricting the speed of delivery of housing and jobs on the SUE’s.

This Delivery Plan outlines the opportunity for the coordinated delivery of the Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs) within a shared framework of landscape and infrastructure, enabling key attributes of Garden Cities to be delivered across North Northamptonshire. It identifies a clear prioritised programme of projects and activities at the North Northamptonshire level and for individual SUEs, to ensure the efficient and effective deployment of public funds and private sector investment to support their delivery in the short, medium and long term.

This work will be used to inform the work programmes and resources of a new Joint Delivery Unit (JDU) and its partners (including developers) and as a basis for securing ongoing commitment and investment from Government and other public and private sector agencies.

This Delivery Plan provides a concise summary of the context for the Garden Communities (Section 2) and progress to date (Section 3). It then identifies the issues, constraints and opportunities identified through the desk top review and stakeholder consultation in Section 4 before setting out the delivery plan actions in Section 5. The detailed analysis which informs the Delivery Plan actions is provided in the Appendices to this report.

The key element of the plan that we need feedback on from members, is the matrix of delivery plan actions; as there are the actions themselves and the prioritisation of those actions. This part of the delivery plan will provide the JDU and others a clear work programme to start to deliver on. As you will see a fundamental part of the delivery is the future funding of the JDU going forward to enable the action to be undertaken.

The draft Delivery Plan and the appendix to the delivery plan will be to members and key officers separately.

There will also be a 15 minutes presentation by the appointed consultants to take members through the document and specifically the matrix actions for delivery from page 21 to 28 and the priority projects on page 29/30.

1. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no conflicts with the draft core strategy, which is due to start public examination in November.

1. **FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be if the delivery plan was to be implemented as set out.

1. **HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be if the delivery plan was to implemented as set out. It is clearly indicating that there is a need to put in place 3 to 5 year funding package.

1. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**7. RECOMMENDATION**

The committee is requested to endorse the final document.