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| Councils Affected | All | 20 th January 2016 | |
| Title | DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE AND ENDORSEMENT | | |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek support and endorsement of the North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 It was reported to the 12th August and 20th October Joint Delivery Committee meetings that this critical piece of work was being undertaken, which was a key milestone for DCLG relating to the funding.
- 2.2 Aspinall Verdi, alongside IBI and WYG, was 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The Delivery Plan has now got to the stage of a final document, after further work being undertaken given the issues raised at the last committee and by officers, which were:-
1. Naming of the SUEs
 2. Cumulative effects of existing developments and infrastructure
 3. Differentiate between consented SUEs and proposed
 4. What partner councils can achieve and those matters that external parties need to address or have an input into
 5. Clarifying viability testing claims advice and getting advisers
 6. Specific wording and phrasing
- 2.5 There have been further discussions with officers and the consultants to modify the document to get it to the position where all authorities can support the document going forward.
- 2.6 The above matters that Members and Officers raised have been addressed in the document as follows:-
1. All the names of the SUEs have been changed in accordance with the wishes of the four partner councils

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2. The infrastructure that is being provided for the SUEs is being future-proofed for the developments. As developments move forward this will regular be reviewed as circumstances change or development change or come on stream. A good example of this is highway matters where regular meetings take place with the County Highway Officers to take full account of what is taking place and going to take place in an area. This has been clearly set out within the document now.
 3. The matrix schedule as part of the main document has been modified to take account of comments received to make it clear what can be achieved by the authorities.
 4. The delivery plan has made clear that the viability issues raised are claims and not verified fact. The report does set out there is a need to test robustly the viability issues.
 5. Detailed wording has been changed and agreed with officers. Also, that the general thrust of the document is to clearly set out that the JDU is to support, help and advise where appropriately needed to help the delivery process.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 The key element of the plan is the matrix of delivery plan actions; as they 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.
- 2.11 The draft Delivery Plan and the appendix to the delivery plan will be sent to members and key officers separately.

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3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no conflicts with the draft core strategy. The public examination took place in November, 2015.

4. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

5. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. RECOMMENDATION

The committee is requested to endorse the final document.

Background Papers:

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Previous Minutes/Reports:

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