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| **JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FOR**  **NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE** |
| **Meeting held: 20th January 2016**  **at Borough Council of Wellingborough** |

**Present:** Councillor Russell Roberts (Kettering) (Chair)

Councillors Tom Beattie (Corby); David Brackenbury (East Northamptonshire); Lloyd Bunday (Kettering); Brian Emerson (Wellingborough); Bob Eyles (Corby); David Jenney (East Northamptonshire); Cllr Bill Parker (Northamptonshire CC) and Jonathan West (Kettering);

**Also Present:** David Cook (Chief Executive, Kettering Borough Council)

Norman Stronach (Chief Executive, Corby Borough Council)

John Campbell (Chief Executive, Borough Council of

Wellingborough)

Lisa Hyde (Assistant Chief Executive, Kettering Borough Council)

Adrian Arnold (Joint Delivery Unit)

Andrew Longley (Joint Planning Unit)

Rob Harbour (Kettering Borough Council)

Jennifer Bell (Borough Council of Wellingborough)

Iain Smith (Corby Borough Council)

Rob Temperley (Corby Borough Council)

Richard Palmer (East Northamptonshire Council)

Chris Wragg (Northamptonshire County Council)

Caroline Wardle (Joint Planning Unit)

Carole Dehgani (Corby CCG)

Graham Foster (KGH)

David Sissling (KGH)

Stuart Wesselby (Tresham College)

Anne Ireson (Committee Administrator)

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| **15.JDC.17 APOLOGIES**  Apologies were received from Cllr Elise Elliston (Corby), Cllr Paul Bell (Wellingborough), Cllr Steven North (East Northamptonshire), Cllr Andre Gonzales De Savage (Northamptonshire CC), Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP), Julie Thomas (Wellingborough), Sajeeda Rose (NEP), Charles Amies (HCA), Roy Boulton (Northamptonshire CC) and Martin Hammond (Kettering).  It was noted that Cllr Bill Parker was acting as a substitute for Cllr Andre Gonzalez de Savage (Northamptonshire CC).  **15.JDC.18** **MINUTES**    **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd October 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair. |  |
| **15.JDC.19 MINUTES OF THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRATEGIC STAKEHOLDERS’ GROUP**  The minutes of the meeting of the North Northamptonshire Strategic Stakeholders’ Group held on 9th December 2015 were circulated for information. |  |
| **15.JDC.20 MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE**  A report was submitted which considered the co-option of other organisations to the Joint Delivery Committee.  **RESOLVED** that the following organisations be invited to become a co-opted member of the Joint Delivery Committee, initially in a non-voting capacity:-  Tresham Institute  Kettering General Hospital NHS Trust  Corby CCG  Nene CCG  Stuart Wesselby (Tresham), Carole Dehgani (Corby CCG) Graham Foster (KGH) and David Sissling (KGH) were welcomed to the meeting. |  |
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| **15.JDC.21 DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE AND ENDORSEMENT** |  |
| A report was submitted which sought support and endorsement of the North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan.  Following consideration of the Delivery Plan at the last meeting of the Committee, further work was undertaken to address various issues as follows:-   * Naming of the SUEs * Cumulative effects of existing developments and infrastructure * Differentiation between consented SUEs and proposed * What partner councils could achieve and those matters that external parties needed to address or have an input into * Clarifying viability testing claims advice and getting advisers * Specific wording and phrasing   Further discussions had also been held with officers and the consultants to modify the document.  The Deputy Chair, in expressing support for the document, advised the committee that job losses in the steel industry had been announced this week, which would affect Corby and South Wales in particular. It was felt to be important to embed into the Delivery Plan the need to procure materials from UK-based industries and ensure local jobs help deliver growth. It was agreed that this requirement should be woven into the Delivery Plan wherever possible.  **RESOLVED** that the final document be endorsed. |  |
| **15.JDC.22 GARDEN COMMUNITIES CAPACITY BID: UPDATE AND NEW BID 2016-2018 (2 YEAR FUNDING)**    A report was submitted which  (a) updated members on the capacity bid and the progress to date in using the capacity funds; and  (b) advised the Committee that a new bid had been submitted to DCLG in early January 2016.  It was noted that the new capacity bid totalled £2.9m over the next two years. It was hoped that negotiations could be opened with the government as capacity was needed to complete the work plan. The new bid should not be prejudiced by the current underspend, as work was continuing with the four authorities to ensure the current award of £750k would be spent or committed by the end of March.  **RESOLVED** that the report be noted. |  |
| **15.JDC.23 HEALTH UPDATE**  A report was submitted which kept members informed regarding two areas of work relating to health provisions for the North Northamptonshire area.  Work was continuing with CCG colleagues and consultants to put together a Health Study. It was noted that it was likely to be early summer this year before a report was ready to be delivered to the Committee.  Disappointment was expressed that, despite the joint submission, North Northamptonshire authorities had not been successful in the bid submitted to the NHS Healthy New Towns Programme. Feedback on why the bid had been unsuccessful had not yet been received.  **RESOLVED** that the report be noted. |  |
| **15.JDC.24 CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO NEW HOMES BONUS**  A report was submitted which summarised the potential impact of changes to the New Homes Bonus regime and sought the Committee’s views on whether it wished to make a response to the consultation paper.  It was reported that, although it was not yet certain how the scheme would operate, the Government had been clear that it would be looking to take out at least £800m from the current funding base to pass over to Adult Social Care funding. This added up to £10m less funding across all five authorities, in addition to £65m less in Rate Support Grant, between now and 2020.  Other changes to government policy would also have an impact on local government funding, including:   * Reduction in housing rent of 1% over the next four years * The right to buy scheme to be extended to registered social landlords * Registered social landlords moving to the public sector, which would have an effect on future investment * The shift in government emphasis from homes for rent towards houses for private ownership   It was noted that the new Core Spatial Strategy for North Northamptonshire was due to be adopted in July 2016. It was suggested that the point should be made to the government that authorities which exceeded their target, and which had local plans in place, should be rewarded rather than penalised through a reduction in their New Homes Bonus, as such authorities were more likely to fulfil their commitments and build new homes.  Debate was held on the complexity of the housing market at the present time and the apparent lack of government commitment to the provision of social housing. However, it was noted that the government had recently announced that it was prepared to commission social housing itself. In addition, the point was made that developers would always build homes that would sell with the biggest profit margin, which were not necessarily the type of homes that were required by an ageing population. It was felt that it should be emphasised in any response to the consultation that there was a need to build accommodation of all tenures for the older population. If such accommodation was not provided, this would in turn increase calls on the Health Service and adult social care provision.  Discussion was also held on the planning process in relation to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 on page 15 of the consultation document, which proposed a reduction in New Homes Bonus per home allowed on appeal rather than it being withheld in full. It was noted that practical issues around the delivery of 16,700 homes against the financial backdrop would be discussed with officials from DCLG at the forthcoming meeting on 21st January.  In conclusion, it was felt that the response to the consultation should be framed around two main points:-  (i) authorities should be awarded funding according to performance based on a national average number of homes per 1,000 of population, with authorities performing less than the average receiving nothing and those providing a higher than average number of new homes receiving more;  (ii) other types of homes, other than affordable homes, should attract a premium, for example high-sustainability homes, so-called ‘homes for life’ or those with a community facility over a certain size.  It was also felt that the response should also seek to influence the following:-   * Ways of lessening the impact of taking £800 m out of the New Homes Bonus funding * The current policy thinking on affordable homes * The burdens of adult social care and the ageing population on the health system     **RESOLVED** that the five Chief Executives meet to agree a joint response to the technical consultation on New Homes Bonus, along the lines set out in the report and as discussed and outlined above. |  |

**15.JDC.25 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on

12th May 2016 at East Northamptonshire Council Offices.

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The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 7:45 pm

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