1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To keep members informed and updated on the North Northamptonshire Health Needs Assessment.

1. **BACKGROUND**

2.1 Members will recall the health update that was provided at the Joint Delivery Committee in January and April of this year.

2.2 Quod Planning have been engaged to undertake the health needs assessment and the inception meeting took place on 9th March this year.

2.3 Quod have experience in undertaking health and social infrastructure assessments so are well placed to undertake this work, they will be using a specialist consultant to undertake the Health Impact Assessment. The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will be directly involved in this study alongside various personnel within NHS England and NHS Property Services and other health stakeholders in the area.

1. **METHODOLOGY**

3.1 This study is focussing on non-acute primary care to understand the health needs across a growing North Northamptonshire until 2031 and how the needs can be met with facilities located within the SUE’s.

3.2 A baseline assessment of all the health data has been received from the consultants. This has been reviewed by the JDU, the local CCGs and the public health officers at Northamptonshire County Council.

3.3 The baseline assessment interrogates the socio-economic data to provide an overview of the demographic profile and general health across North Northamptonshire as well as consideration of the housing, income and employment and living environments. This primarily uses the 2011 census, but also the most up to date health data as advised by public health colleagues.

3.4 Some of the key points highlighted are:

* Those reporting the poorest health are located within urban, built up settlements.
* Data shows that in Corby the health indicators are significantly worse than national averages.
* There is a concentration of poor social and economic factors in urban centres.
* Urban areas are more likely to be overcrowded having negative mental health outcomes, particularly among children.
* The tenure most likely to be overcrowded across all four districts are owned or shared ownership households. In East Northamptonshire 44% of all overcrowded homes are owned or in shared ownership.
* Access to employment can be a significant contributing factor to health and well-being.
* The main contributor to economic inactivity are residents who are retired, comprising half of those who are economically inactive.
* Children in poverty is an issue in Corby as it is significantly worse that the national average.
* East Northamptonshire experiences high deprivation in housing and services, which includes road distance to a GP surgery.
* Across all deprivation indices, urban areas rank highest in deprivation.

3.5 The report also identifies the existing health facilities and where the current pressures are.

1. **NEXT STEPS**

4.1 The next stage now that the baseline information has been agreed is to understand the health profile of the future population, where developments are taking place and the role of the urban extensions. This will then inform the future health needs of the North Northamptonshire population.

4.2 The consultants will need review the most up to date s106 agreements for each of the SUE’s to assess if these are meeting the needs or what further work may be required. This will take on board the health and community facilities set out in the agreements and how these can be best managed to meet the need in a flexible way.

4.3 Consideration to how these needs can be delivered through innovation and funding mechanisms within the urban extensions will be explored.

4.4 In addition there will be recommendations about ‘building in health’ to developments. This will involve planning design aspects, access to facilities and open space, and transport. Some of these can be included in the Design SPD that the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit will be producing.

4.5 The report will include a full set of recommendations and set out the next steps for achieving these.

1. **OUTPUTS**

5.1 A presentation on the findings will be made to the committee at a suitable time.

1. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the report be noted

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