

JDU Priority Projects

5.5 There are significant challenges ahead for the JDU to support and assist delivery partners with planning and development of the six SUEs in North Northamptonshire. It will not be possible for the JDU to address and resolve each of these issues overnight. There are a number of short term priorities for the JDU to resolve to ensure that they are in a position to help and support the LPA's planning and delivery process and to assist delivery partners with development of the SUEs. The priority projects for the JDU to address over its first 12 months of operation are identified in the following table.

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JDU Structure and Resourcing	<p>The JDU must as a priority secure support from local authority partners for the structure, resources and operation of the JDU. It is recommended that the JDU and partner LPA's work together for planning and delivery of the SUEs.</p> <p>For Rushden East and West Corby SUEs, the JDU should help, offer advice and support the masterplanning and outline planning application processes, albeit with recourse to the LPA for necessary Member approvals.</p> <p>The JDU should provide inter-professional resources dedicated to the six SUEs, including, but not limited to: development management, transport and highways, urban design, environmental and viability resources. Staff resources should be secured through secondments from partner authorities and/or direct appointments.</p>
Public / Private Sector Collaboration	<p>Joint working groups should be established with delivery partners to identify and resolve development management and delivery issues in a prompt and efficient manner.</p>
Member / Officer Briefing	<p>The JDU should facilitate member training and briefings to ensure that members are informed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practise and local experience • Clear and consistent leadership • Development viability
Development Viability	<p>To appoint dedicated viability support to advise the JDU and partner authorities on viability claims. Either a dedicated officer or, preferably, an experienced viability consultant is appointed or can be called upon</p> <p>The appointed adviser should complete a strategic review of development viability in North Northamptonshire and identify common themes for each of the SUEs when considered necessary</p> <p>A central record of viability intelligence should be assembled and maintained as viability negotiations continue.</p>
Infrastructure Delivery	<p>The JDU should work with public sector partners (HCA, LEPs, NCC,</p>

	CCG's and Higher Education bodies) to provide advice and assistance to delivery partners on access to funding packages to assist with up-front and early infrastructure delivery. Also, to seek to reduce or remove barriers to delivery of infrastructure.
Development Management	Dedicated staff should provide pragmatic and engaging support to delivery partners to accelerate application negotiation and determination.