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## **JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FOR NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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**Meeting held: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017  
at Corby Borough Council**

**Present:** Councillor Russell Roberts (Kettering) (Chair)  
Councillors Tom Beattie, Elise Elliston and Bob Eyles (Corby);  
Councillors Steven North, David Jenney and David Brackenbury  
(East Northamptonshire); Councillor Lloyd Bunday (Kettering),  
Councillor Brian Emmerson (Wellingborough) and Councillor Bill  
Parker (NCC)

**Also Present:** Margo Atkins and Eva Phelan (Quod)  
Dr Joanne Watt (Corby CCG)  
Councillors Ian Jelley and Lesley Thurland (Kettering)  
Martin Hammond (Deputy Chief Executive, Kettering Borough  
Council)  
Andrew Longley (Joint Planning Unit)  
Jennifer Bell (Joint Planning/Joint Delivery Unit)  
Julie Thomas (Wellingborough)  
Chris Wragg (NCC)  
Jonathan Waterworth (Corby)  
Anne Ireson (Committee Administrator)

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**17.JDC.01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gonzales de Savage (NCC), Carole Dehghani (Corby CCG), Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP), Stephen Catchpole (SEMLEP) and Charles Amies (Homes and Communities Agency)

**17.JDC.02 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair.

## 17.JDC.03 NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH NEEDS STUDY

A report was submitted which outlined the background to the North Northamptonshire Health Needs Study report which had been commissioned in 2016. The report explained the key recommendations of the study and how these would be taken forward.

Eva Phelan and Margo Atkins of Quod Consultants attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the Health Study which covered:-

- Objectives and aims
- Health and Planning
- North Northamptonshire Baseline
- Building in health
- Context for growth in North Northamptonshire
- Growth – meeting the demand
- Delivery options – recommendations

Debate ensued, which is summarised below under relevant topic headings.

### Health Provision Infrastructure

Under the provisions of the Section 106 Agreement, £500,000 was available for health provision in the East Kettering SUE. However it was felt there was merit in combining health, leisure and community facilities in one building with the Borough Council as landowner, which helped alleviate the institutional problems associated with such a proposal. It was hoped that a multi-use building could be designed with sustainability in mind, and which also worked for the developer.

The point was made that when the Joint Delivery Committee was constituted, its primary aim was about working together to secure build-out of the SUEs, which required infrastructure to be provided at the appropriate time, including health facilities.

North Northamptonshire was considered to be a fast-growing part of the country, with its population increasing steadily. It was felt that it currently did not have the health infrastructure to support such growth.

## Health Needs Study Report – Statistics for Corby

Councillor Tom Beattie (Corby) disputed some of the statistics contained within the report, such as levels of deprivation in Corby. It was felt that over the last fifty years Corby had evolved into a dynamic community where growth was bringing regeneration to the town centre and other improvements to the area. The CCG was carrying out public engagement work in relation to the Urgent Care Centre and future health needs, as the wider population in North Northamptonshire used the Urgent Care Centre and not just Corby residents. It was noted that Corby would not want to rely on developer contributions to provide health facilities.

### Urgent Health Care

Dr Jo Watts of Corby CCG advised that public consultation on health needs was to be carried out early in the 2018. Members of the Committee noted that Corby CCG considered that it was very confusing for members of the public to know whether to go to the Urgent Care Centre or to the General Hospital in Kettering, and it was worth looking at health care in North Northamptonshire in the broadest sense. There was a national shortage of GPs, but the wider community healthcare teams should also be looked at, including nurses and midwives. This was not something an urgent facility could offer. The way GPs were funded through the NHS was different to the way hospitals were funded.

### Adult Social Care in Northamptonshire

Councillor Bill Parker (NCC) stated there was an urgent need to provide the right type of care to enable people to stay in their own homes for longer, which included community care packages. He expressed concern that the Health Study made little reference to adult social care and there was a need for education across the county to make sure the wider public understood what is being done about health in the community.

### GP Practices

Cllr David Brackenbury (East Northamptonshire) asked how many residents were required to support each GP in the NHS. It was noted that this was currently 1,800. However there was a trend towards larger GP practices, consisting of at least four GPs, which were equipped to give more professional support and specialist nursing. However, even a population size of 7,200 may not mean that a community would have a GP surgery, because existing provision would

also be taken into account. Very few new GP contracts were being offered, due to the economics of setting up a new practice without a permanent contract.

The Committee felt that it was important for people to understand what any new facilities would be used for, whilst also maintaining existing facilities.

Eva Phelan and Margo Atkins of Quod were thanked for their attendance.

**RESOLVED** that:

- (i) the Joint Delivery Committee note the content of the report and the accompanying presentation; and
- (ii) the Joint Delivery committee endorse the recommendations within the report and support officers in progressing these.

**17.JDC.04 JOINT DELIVERY UNIT BUDGET AND EXTERNAL FUNDING**

A report was submitted which outlined the current budgetary position and reported on the progress in securing various capacity funding streams.

A further update would be provided at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Joint Delivery Committee notes the information in relation to the budget and recent funding bids.

**17.JDC.05 JOINT PLANNING AND DELIVERY UNIT (JPDU) WORK PROGRAMME**

A report was submitted which kept members informed and updated on progress in implementing the North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan.

It was noted that vacant posts would be filled as a matter of

urgency.

Debate was held on the following issues:-

- Oxford-Cambridge Arc – it was felt there was a potential economic benefit to North Northamptonshire, but more work was needed to ascertain the impact on the area. A report would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee following careful consideration of the proposals by Chief Executives and Leaders.
- Right to Build Expo in Wellingborough – the event on 7<sup>th</sup> November had gone well and had been successful in gauging local demand
- The website relaunch would ensure the website was more user-friendly
- There was a need for an update from Tresham regarding the availability of skills development and education in the area. Andrew Longley agreed to take this up.

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**17.JDC.06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The venue for the meeting would be notified in due course.

Signed .....

Chair

*(The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.55 pm)*

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