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Title	KETTERING BOROUGH GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the content of the Kettering Borough Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan and to ask Members to agree this document to be used to prepare the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan and in the delivery of green infrastructure improvements across the Borough.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the Planning Policy Committee on 5th September 2017 a report was presented which provided an update on progress being made in the preparation of the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan (SSP2) evidence gathering. It was reported that the Council was seeking to develop a district level Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan (GIDP). The GIDP has now been completed; a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Kettering Borough GIDP has been prepared to build on work undertaken at a strategic level through the preparation of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and the North Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The GIDP identifies a district level GI network and individual projects which will contribute towards the delivery of GI in the Borough. The GIDP will form an evidence base to support policies in the SSP2 and will provide partners and stakeholders with a delivery plan which will prioritise, guide and co-ordinate activities and will support the development of GI in Kettering Borough.
- 2.3 The development of the GIDP has been informed by a desktop review of existing plans and policies and by stakeholder and community engagement. A series of stakeholder workshops were held to develop the GIDP. In addition community drop-in events were held in each of the towns, an online survey was undertaken and one to one interviews were held with owners and managers of privately owned open space.
- 2.4 The JCS identifies GI corridors of sub-regional and local importance. The focus is on the strategic corridors of the Rivers Nene and Ise, and the Rockingham Forest area. Policy 19 of the JCS sets out the approach to the delivery of GI. Figure 1 in the GIDP (page 2) shows the sub regional and local GI corridors identified in the JCS.

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- 2.5 The GIDP uses these sub-regional and local corridors as a basis for identifying district level GI corridors. Figure 4 (page 15) of the GIDP shows the district level GI corridors which have been identified. These corridors seek to connect communities to the natural environment and to enhance connections between the sub-regional and local GI corridors. There are seven district level corridors which have been identified, table 2 (page 21) of the GIDP lists each of the corridors and provides a description of each.
- 2.6 The North Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan (May 2014) identified GI projects planned and underway across North Northamptonshire. A long list of projects were included and for a smaller number of projects more detailed project plans were also included. Within Kettering Borough this included Desborough Green Space, Wicksteed Park Nature Reserve – connection to Southfield Farm Marsh and Barford Wood and Meadows.
- 2.7 The GIDP builds on the North Northamptonshire GIDP and identifies additional projects which will support the delivery of Green Infrastructure in the Borough. Table 4 (page 25) of the GIDP lists the 14 project identified; detailed project plans are included in appendix 3 of the GIDP. The locations of the projects are shown in Figure 10 (page 27) of the GIDP. It is intended that the document will be updated and new projects added as these come forward, a project plan template has been included at appendix 5 which can be used by people wishing to submit additional projects.
- 2.8 The GIDP includes a monitoring framework to enable progress in implementing the plan to be monitored. The monitoring framework recommends that the implementation of the plan is reported every two years and a full review of the document undertaken every 6 years. The GIDP also includes details of funding sources which could be used to deliver GI in the Borough.
- 2.9 The GIDP will be used as an evidence base to draft policies in the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. The draft Plan will be presented to Members at the June Planning Policy Committee when Members will be asked to agree the document for consultation.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1 Stakeholder and community consultation was undertaken through the development of the GIDP. Further consultation will take place on the draft Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan in June/ July 2018.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 When adopted the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan will form part of the North Northamptonshire Development Plan.

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5. USE OF RESOURCES

- 5.1 The preparation of the GIDP has been met within the existing Development Services Planning Policy budget.

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members note the contents of the Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan and agree this document to be used to prepare the Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan and be used in the delivery of green infrastructure improvements across the Borough.

Previous Reports/Minutes:

None

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