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Wards Affected		18 th April 2018	
Title	Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan		

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mark Dearing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To note the consultation feedback on the Draft Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018-2025 and to approve the final plan.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. The Draft Town Centre Delivery Plan was presented to Executive in February. It reflected the feedback from the initial consultation events as a realistic but aspirational plan for the town centre from 2018 – 2025.
- 2.2. At that time, we confirmed that the plan was designed to reflect the changing environment for Town Centres, which are still important shopping places but are also important places for people to live work and enjoy leisure time. This rich mixture of usage builds successful, safe, adaptable and resilient town centres.
- 2.3. The plan continues the vision to ensure that the Town Centre is characterful, distinctive and fun. This theme ran throughout the draft plan which originally included 20 projects. Some of which were ongoing projects through 2018 to 2025 to support and revitalise the Town Centre and its development.
- 2.4. The timetable for the projects is determined by the likelihood of the available funding being in place to ensure delivery.
- 2.5. It is important to remind members that during the period 2018 to 2025 other town centre opportunities may arise, the environment for town centres will continue to develop and change and the plan must remain flexible so that those opportunities can be explored.
- 2.6. **Appendix 1** to this report includes a list of all the projects in the plan as well as a section on general items, a summary of the feedback received alongside any proposals for changes to the final plan.

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3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1 This report outlines the views expressed on the draft plan. It is important to remember that this was also part of a previous consultation process leading up to the development of the projects included in the draft delivery plan.
- 3.2 The comments on the draft plan overall have been limited with understandably more comment on the individual and specific projects within it.
- 3.3 It is important to note that as each specific project comes forward more detailed consultation exercises will be undertaken. For example, consultation on Project 1 Eskdail Street, a rollover from the original set of Suite 16 projects, began in February. As this is a project where the Council are working in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council, views and comments have been collated throughout to be fed through to them for consideration in April 2018. It is likely that this project will then be undertaken in Summer 2018.
- 3.4 It is planned to bring a proposed draft plan for Meadow Road back for consideration by the Executive this summer in order to begin a more detailed consultation on that particular proposal.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) was adopted by the Council in 2011 and sets out aspirations for the Town Centre and surrounding area up until 2021. Progress on the AAP is monitored annually through a Town Centre health check. The results of this were recently presented to Planning Policy Committee on 23 January 2018.
- 4.2 That report made reference to the emerging Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018-2025 and its role in significantly benefitting the objectives of the Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plans strategic vision and ensuring growth in Kettering is well managed to sustain Kettering Town Centre as an attractive and vibrant place with a clear desire for continual improvement.

5. FINANCIAL, HUMAN RESOURCE & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funding for each of the projects is likely to come from various sources including Section 106 monies as new developments come on line, external funding contributions, public and private sector investment and access to any external funding or grants.
- 5.2 There are no legal or human resource implications for the approval of this high level delivery plan. There will, however be a full assessment of financial, legal and

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human resource implications of each project as it comes forward for delivery, most particularly where Kettering Borough Council are the project lead.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to

- a) note the consultation responses outlined in Appendix 1 and,
- b) Approve the recommended changes as outlined in Appendix 1 to form the final version of the Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018 to 2025 for publication.

Background Papers:

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