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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>JOINT DELIVERY UNIT WORK PROGRAMME</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To keep members informed and updated on progress of the North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan.

## 2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 In January 2016, this committee endorsed the North Northamptonshire Garden Communities Delivery Plan, commissioned from Aspinall Verdi, WYG and IBI. This provides guidance on how the Joint Planning and Delivery Unit (JPDU) should aid and advise the four local authorities in delivery of the SUEs.
- 2.2 This report provides an update on key actions identified in the GC Delivery Plan. Resources for this work are provided through Government capacity funding secured through the Large Sites Capacity Fund and Garden Communities Fund.

## 3. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

### 3.1 **Development Viability**

- 3.1.1 Development Viability was highlighted as a priority project. This is growing in importance as the planning authorities experience an increase in the submission of viability reports on a range of developments (not restricted to the Garden Communities). The JPDU is therefore investigating options for further training and to appointment of consultants to advise the JPDU on viability issues and to develop a central record of intelligence.

### 3.2 **Private/Public Sector Collaboration**

- 3.2.1 Monthly meetings continue to take place between local authority Development Management teams and SUE developers.
- 3.2.2 It is proposed that the Garden Community Stakeholder Meetings are re-established, with the next one taking place in the Autumn. Previous stakeholder meetings had attendees from Garden Communities developers/promoters, local authority representatives, Homes England, local education providers, utilities, transport and health representatives.

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### **3.3 Infrastructure Delivery Plan**

3.3.1 The IDP was updated by the JPDU in September 2017.

3.3.2 Lichfields has been appointed to prepare a North Northamptonshire Investment Framework, which will provide the basis for securing a growth deal and other private and public-sector investment needed for accelerated delivery of the adopted JCS. It will prioritise strategic infrastructure and growth enabling projects and programmes. This is the subject of a separate report on this agenda.

### **3.4 Marketing Strategy**

3.5.1 The new NNJPDU website went live at the end of April: [www.nnjpu.org.uk](http://www.nnjpu.org.uk). The website provides access to the strategic planning information developed by the NNJPDU whilst also providing information on delivery issues, urban design services and information on self build and investment within the North Northamptonshire area. The website will continue to be developed by officers as an important source of information on the growth agenda in NN.

### **3.6 Self Build and Custom Build**

3.6.1 The NNJPDU continues to work in partnership with the Right to Build Task Force and is arranging meetings with Garden Community Developers and Promoters to discuss the potential to incorporate custom and self build plots within a site and to provide an opportunity for the developers/promoters to have one to one discussions with experts on any issues or concerns that they have.

3.6.3 As required by legislation, the partner councils each maintain a register of people and groups interested in self building. These registers provide a snapshot of people looking for building plots. To gain a better understanding of the potential of this sector, the four NN local authorities are working with the RtB Task Force's consultants Three Dragons to test a tool for assessing demand for Self and Custom Build within each local authority area. A report will be developed for each local authority as well as a wider North Northamptonshire report which will be reported to the Joint Committee.

### **3.7 Garden Communities**

3.7.1 A brief update on each Garden Community (sustainable urban extension) will be presented at the Joint Committee.

## **10. RECOMMENDATION**

That the content of the report be noted

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