

1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 5 Cabinet meetings (29 March 2016, 18 April 2016, 16 May 2016, 20 June 2016 and 11 July 2016) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

16 May Cabinet

- 1.2 On the 16 May Cabinet recommended to County Council that County Council oppose the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill ("the Bill") currently at the Select Committee stage in the House of Lords, due to continuing concerns about the environmental impact and proposed mitigation measures. County Council considered this matter at its Extraordinary Meeting on 19 May and agreed to oppose HS2.

11 July 2016

- 1.3 On 11 July Cabinet will consider whether to approve the revised Rail Strategy for the County.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 17 May 2016

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

- 3.1 At its September meeting, Cabinet will be invited to agree the Transport Vision Draft Local Transport Plan consultation document and the revised project timetable, and the Hertfordshire Enviro-Tech Enterprise Zone Partnership Agreement.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 Since the last County Council Meeting I have attended a meeting of the West Anglia Main Line Taskforce on 24th May and the launch of the Taskforce's Business case document at Westminster on 12th July. This document will now be presented to Government to support investment in the line in advance of Crossrail 2.
- 4.2 There have been two meetings of the Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership since the last County Council Meeting. The first meeting on 24th March focussed on transport matters with presentations on the county wide COMET Model and the proposals for the preparation of Growth and Transport Plans. The meeting on the 27th June received an update on the county wide water study; received a report on the recent EELGA Event focussing on Planner

recruitment difficulties; and a report from the LEP which included the work being carried out on Growth Deal Round 3.

- 4.3 On the 19th April and the 6th June I attended meetings of the Four Authorities Co-op Board, which seeks to co-ordinate planning in and around Harlow. The 4 authorities - East Herts, Harlow, Uttlesford, and Epping - are developing a joint approach to future spatial options in the area with a complementary infrastructure plan. They are synchronising submission of their 4 plans later this year to Government and have met with ministers to explain their approach and the need for infrastructure funding to support growth.
- 4.4 On 13th July I attended a meeting of the Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership. This meeting focussed on the work programme priorities for the new management of the partnership and the timetable for implementation of the new link bus under the Local Sustainable Transport Transition fund (see below).
- 4.5 On 23 May I attended the Herts Enviro-Tech Enterprise Zone Partnership Board Meeting, which discussed the emerging strategy and proposals for the EZ.
- 4.6 The Intalink Quality Partnership Conference 2016 brought together Hertfordshire's bus and coach operators and other interested parties to hear about and discuss how the new structure of the Intalink Partnership can move forward and develop to sustain the future of passenger transport in Hertfordshire.
- 4.7 The well-attended Conference, held on Wednesday 11th May in the County Suite at County Hall, brought together inspiring speakers. These included:
 - Stephen Joseph, the Chief Executive at Campaign for Better Transport, who has been involved in campaigning and implementing transport policy for the past 30 years;
 - Keith McNally, the Operations Manager for Confederation of Passenger Transport UK - the trade association of the UK bus & coach industry; and
 - Steve Blackmore from the Department of Transport.

5. Other comments

- 5.1 The County Council has been successful in its bid to the Government's Sustainable Travel Transition Year fund, receiving £401,000 for measures to improve access to and from stations in St Albans, Stevenage and Hertford.
- 5.2 The biggest project is a pilot shuttle bus in St Albans linking the stations with the city centre. This will greatly improve connections for the Abbey Line, with buses timed to meet train arrivals at Abbey station. Other projects include pedestrian signing, cycleway improvements and working with businesses on employee travel. All works need to be completed by March.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel has met on 10 May 2016 and 30 June 2016. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

10 May 2016

<https://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/448/Committee/52/Default.aspx>

30 June 2016

<https://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/449/Committee/52/Default.aspx>

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