

**EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES, PROPERTY AND THE ECONOMY****1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Report to the County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (18 July 2017, 25 September 2017, 23 October 2017 and 13 November 2017) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:

Cabinet - 18 July 2017

The Potential Transfer of Governance of Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service from Hertfordshire County Council to the Police and Crime Commissioner [Forward Plan Ref: A030/17]

Cabinet agreed that the County Council should respond to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consultation, opposing the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal to become the Fire & Rescue Authority for Hertfordshire.

Cabinet - 25 September 2017

Former Sunny Bank School Site, Field View Road, Potters Bar EN6 2NA [Forward Plan ref: A032/17]

Cabinet agreed that additional budgetary provision be made in the sum of £394,000, out of the Spend to Achieve Capital Receipts Reserve to complete the works to separate the Education Support Centre from the remainder of the former Sunny Bank School Site.

To consider the acquisition of a site for a new 2fe primary school at Watford Riverwell (previously Watford Health Campus). [Forward Plan ref: A043/17]  
Cabinet approved the acquisition of a site for a new 2fe primary school at Watford Riverwell.

Cabinet - 23 October 2017

Business Rates Retention Pilot and Business Rates Pool

[Urgent item of business, no Forward Plan reference]:

Cabinet approved the granting of delegated authority to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources, Property and the Economy, to submit applications to form a Hertfordshire 100% Business Rate Retention Pilot and a Hertfordshire Business Rates Pool.

**2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 18 July 2017**

- 2.1 Integrated Plan (IP): The 2017/18 IP has been approved and work continues on refreshing the IP for the period 2018/19 – 2021/22, including developing proposals to meet the forecast funding gap over this period.

Hertfordshire County Council Property Development Programme – Property Company [Forward plan reference: A033/17]

In March 2017 Cabinet agreed that the Director of Resources should commence a formal procurement process to seek a preferred partner for a joint venture property development vehicle by December 2017. This process is on schedule and proposals for the appointment of the preferred bidder will be presented to Cabinet in December together with a revised Business Case.

### **3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet**

#### **3.1 Cabinet - 13 November 2017**

Forward plan ref: A010/17: Review of Financial Regulations  
Cabinet will be invited to approve proposed amendments to the County Council's Financial Regulations.

Forward plan ref: A055/17: To consider the future of Cuffley Camp Outdoor Centre  
Cabinet will be asked to consider proposals relating to the future of Cuffley Camp Outdoor Centre, Northaw, on the basis that there are alternative facilities that offer superior service provision and the investment cost of bringing Cuffley Camp up to an adequate standard are prohibitive.

#### **Cabinet – 18 December 2017**

Forward plan ref: A052/17: Finance Monitor Q2 – approval of capital budget reprogramming

Forward plan ref: A057/17: Proposed sale of the Authority's share of Hertfordshire Schools Building Partnership [Forward plan ref: A060/17: Approval of the Hertfordshire Skills Strategy to 2020

Forward Plan ref: A040/17: Procurement of a Property Development Partner

Forward Plan ref: A060/17: Approval of the Hertfordshire Skills Strategy to 2020

Forward Plan ref: A076/17: Marketing of land at Brookfield, Cheshunt

#### **Cabinet – 22 January 2018**

Forward plan ref: A061/17: Draft Integrated Plan 2018/2019 – 2020/2021

Forward plan ref: A062/17: Public Engagement & Consultation on the Integrated Plan Proposal

#### **Cabinet – 19 February 2018**

Forward plan reference: A064/17: Public Engagement and Consultation on the Integrated Plan Proposal

Forward plan reference: A065/17: Integrated Plan 2018/2019 – 2020/2021

Forward plan reference: A067/17: Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report on the Integrated Plan Proposals

Forward plan reference: A063/17: Service Cabinet Panels Comments on the Integrated Plan Proposals

#### **4. Key Partnerships**

##### **4.1 Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)**

Five new business leaders have been appointed to join the LEP Board following a selection process over the summer to succeed LEP Board Members whose terms of office are ending. Please see the link below for further information: [https://www.hertfordshirelep.com/media/5685/lep-bm\\_oct.pdf](https://www.hertfordshirelep.com/media/5685/lep-bm_oct.pdf)

The most recent meeting of the LEP Board took place on 21 September. The Board released funding for Land Assembly and Public Realm improvements in central Stevenage and funding (subject to final ratification) to support the regeneration of Hatfield town centre including a new multi-storey car park and improvements to the public realm.

The LEP held a Building Solutions – Modern Methods of Construction Conference at BRE on the 5 October. This explored the opportunities for Hertfordshire's economy in terms of participating in the growing market for offsite construction as well as the role this technology can play in terms of delivering the County's planned housing growth.

On 6 October, I opened the 2017 Hertfordshire Skills Summit at the Rothamsted Centre for Research & Enterprise in Harpenden. The objective of this event was to help shape the Hertfordshire Skills Strategy through to 2020. This is an example of strong partnership working between Hertfordshire County Council, the LEP and the Department for Work and Pensions. Please see the link below for further information: <https://www.hertfordshirelep.com/skills-summit-2017/>

Nationally, the Government has announced it is to review the work of all 38 LEP areas. Jake Berry, Minister for Local Growth at the Department of Communities and Local Government described LEPs as an essential part of Government's plan for driving local growth and the Industrial Strategy and that the review reflected the ambition to strengthen the role of LEPs during this Parliament.

##### **4.2 London Stanstead Cambridge Consortium (LSCC)**

Dr Ann Limb CBE has been appointed the new Chairman of the LSCC. She was formally Chair of the South East Midlands LEP.

Two LSCC Board meetings have taken place since June. On the 12 July the Board met in Harlow and received presentations from Harlow Enterprise Zone, Stansted Airport and discussed the investment strategy to support West Anglia Main Line and Crossrail 2. On 11 October the Board met in Cambridge and received a presentation from Cambridge Ahead, discussed Regional Transport

Authorities, the Government's emerging Aviation Strategy, and plans for promoting the M11 corridor.

#### 4.3 Visit Herts

The Visit Herts Partnership Board met on 14 September and discussed its Business Plan and priorities for the future following the re-appointment of Go to Places for a second contract period. The Hertfordshire Tourism Awards have been launched with an announcement expected in November.

#### 5. **Other comments**

5.1 No additional comments.

#### 6. **Cabinet Panels**

6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Resources, Property and the Economy Cabinet Panel has met on 15 September and 9 November 2017. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Resources, Property and the Economy Cabinet Panel - 15 September 2017](#)

[Resources, Property and the Economy Cabinet Panel - 9 November 2017](#)

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