

PORTFOLIO: GROWTH INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND GROWTH

1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 5 Cabinet meetings (23 April 2018, 14 May 2018, 25 May 2018, 18 June 2018 and 9 July 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 27 March 2018. The following items of business were specifically attributed to this portfolio:-

Cabinet – 14 May 2018

A013/18 – Approval of Local Transport Plan 4 - Cabinet agreed:

- i) that the Local Transport Plan 4 supporting documents should include a new Rural Transport Strategy;
- ii) that an Electric Vehicle technical report be produced with consideration for an Electric vehicle strategy at a later date; and
- iii) to recommend to full Council that it adopts the draft Local Transport Plan 4, attached at Appendix B to the Report.

At its meeting on 22 May 2018 Council approved the adoption of the Local Transport Plan 4 and agreed that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport, be authorised to make such make minor amendments as necessary prior to its publication.

Cabinet -18 June 2018

A006/18 – Hertfordshire County Council Membership of emerging Sub-National Transport Bodies - Cabinet agreed that the County Council joins England's Economic Heartland and its emerging Sub National Transport Board as a full member and joins Transport for the East as an Associate Member.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 May 2018

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

Cabinet – 9 July 2018

A043/18 Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan - approval to amend Statement of Common Ground and Hearing Statement (January 2018) in relation to New Barnfield Hatfield – Cabinet agreed to recommend to full Council that the proposed amendments to the Statement of Common Ground and Hearing Statement be approved. Council will consider this matter at its meeting on 17 July 2018.

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 I have attended the following Partnership Meetings :-

11 April - East West rail Consortium Annual General Meeting

20 April - Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Meeting

27 April - Maylands Enterprize Zone Partnership Board

30 April - Harlow/Gilston Garden Town Member Board

23 May - Oxford – Cambridge Expressway Stakeholder Conference

4 June - East of England Transport Forum

5 June - A414 Member Group

7 June - Hatfield Renewal Partnership Board Meeting

11 June - Duty to Co-operate Meeting with St Albans City and District Council

14 June - East-West Rail Consortium Board

18 June - Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Member Board

21 June - Six Authorities Group.

5. Other comments

5.1 Infrastructure Prospectus and Funding Strategy

The County Council on behalf of HIPP have appointed AECOM to prepare an Infrastructure and Funding Prospectus for the County. This document will pull together the confirmed growth and infrastructure requirements for the County to 2031, cost the infrastructure and then develop a funding strategy to set out how best to achieve the delivery. The work is programmed to have reached a draft stage by August and consultation with Stakeholders is programmed for September.

5.2 Joint Strategic Plan for the South West of the County.

A scoping meeting has taken place with East of England LGA (EELGA) and the Local Government Association, to map out the process to support the Joint Planning Exercise in the South West of the County. Over the next three months an intensive programme of meetings and 1 to 1's will take place involving the five Local Planning Authorities and the County Council, to map out an overall vision for this work and establish the ground rules for how the joint planning work will be conducted.

5.3 The Growth and Infrastructure Unit

The new Growth and Infrastructure Unit has now been established. It is designed to meet the challenge of growth across Hertfordshire. With 35 strategic sites already programmed for delivery through the current raft of Local Plans, and a third of those sites under detailed negotiation, the Unit will be ensuring that the impact of development is mitigated through the provision of appropriate infrastructure on behalf of County Council services. For example, based on recent estimates this equates to approximately 60 new primary schools and 20 new secondary schools to meet demand from current plan periods.

5.4 Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) Services

Problems with the services delivered by GTR continue. A new far more limited emergency timetable has now been put into place, which generally reduces the number of services running to level before the changes. Further letters have been sent to GTR and the Minister to express our concerns about the impacts on our residents and businesses. GTR are currently programmed to give a presentation on their services to the meeting of the Growth, Planning, Transport and Economy Panel on 20 September.

5.5 East Midlands Mainline Franchise

The County Council has made representations on the recently published specification for the new East Midlands Mainline Franchise. The franchise specification (the Invitation to Tender – ITT) removes the need for intercity services to stop south of Kettering. Combined with the separation of Corby services into a commuter service, access from Hertfordshire to intercity services will be severely diminished.

5.6 Lead Local Flood Authority

The Council as Lead Local Flood Authority have been reviewing the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Hertfordshire and the draft document is now out for consultation with stakeholders. The Strategy gives an overview of how flood risk is managed in Hertfordshire and sets a framework to guide the actions of the Council and other partners.

6. **Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy Cabinet Panel will have met on 5 July 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy Cabinet Panel - 5 July 2018](#)

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