

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 9 MARCH 2017

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN, FEBRUARY 2017

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is:

- To present to Members the East Herts Infrastructure Delivery Plan, February 2017.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL:</u> That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:	
(A)	the East Herts Infrastructure Delivery Plan, February 2017, as detailed at Essential Reference ‘B’ to this report, be supported as part of the evidence base to support the East Herts District Plan; and
(B)	the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan as required for the Examination.

1.0 Background

1.1 In order to successfully deliver the identified level of growth across the District, new housing must be supported by improvements to existing infrastructure, and where necessary, creation of new infrastructure. Therefore the identification of required schemes is a fundamental part of the plan making process.

1.2 National policy requires local planning authorities to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) in order to support the implementation of a local plan. This report presents the second

version of the IDP which, will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2017 alongside the East Herts District Plan.

2.0 Report

2.1 The purpose of an IDP is to identify the infrastructure schemes that are required in order to successfully deliver planned growth across the District. In addition, the IDP should provide information on the cost of schemes, likely funding sources and phasing. The IDP, which forms **Essential Reference Paper B**, has been prepared in collaboration with site promoters/developers and service providers, including Hertfordshire County Council.

2.2 At present, it is not possible to identify costings, funding and phasing information for all infrastructure schemes. However, this area will be continuously updated as and when information becomes available.

2.3 In particular, Members should note that Officers are currently working with NHS England and the East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in order to gather information on the following:

- The capacity of existing health facilities in East Herts;
- The facilities that would require expansion as a result of planned growth;
- Where new facilities would be required as a result of planned growth, and the services they should provide;
- How much new or expanded facilities would cost and the funding options for their delivery

2.4 This information is expected to be forthcoming prior to submission of the District Plan to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of March. Officers are also working with the County Council's Countryside Management Service to identify green infrastructure schemes that are planned across the District.

2.5 As such, it is likely that further updates to the IDP will be required prior to the Examination Hearing sessions.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) Version 1, September 2016:

<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/idp>

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