## **EAST HERTS COUNCIL**

## NON KEY DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Record of decision made by the Executive Member pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number:	19/02
Date of decision:	15 February 2019
Exempt information (Yes/No):	No
Subject:	Hertfordshire County Council: A414 Corridor Strategy Consultation
Authorised by Executive Member:	Councillor Gary Jones – Executive Member for Economic Development
Contact Officer:	Kevin Steptoe – Head of Planning and Building Control
Decision:	That Hertfordshire County Council be informed that in respect of the A414 Corridor Strategy, Draft for Public Consultation, December 2018, East Herts Council: (A) Welcomes the introduction of the Strategy both to help address the impact of development on the corridor to 2031 and beyond and to engender a shift to sustainable travel modes; (B) Supports the introduction of Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) to help achieve modal shift to sustainable modes and reduce the impact of

- planned development and background growth along the corridor;
- (C) Urges HCC to include the extension of the MRT route from Hatfield beyond its currently proposed end destination of Harlow/Gilston Area to serve Stansted Airport from the outset of the scheme, and to work with the Stansted Airport Transport Forum in this regard;
- (D) In respect of the need for a strategic intervention at Hertford, considers that a further option of introducing the MRT without the delivery of a southern bypass should be modelled and considered before any decision is taken on the introduction of bypass scheme and that the Council therefore reserves its position on the potential provision of a bypass until the outcome and implications of such work are known;
- (E) In the event that a bypass for Hertford should be delivered, the sustainable travel schemes for the town would need to be delivered concurrently to ensure that green travel patterns are established at the outset.
- (F) Considers it important that potential environmental and heritage implications, along with possible physical constraints to the delivery of dedicated roadspace along the A414 corridor connected with delivery of the MRT scheme,

should be both acknowledged and discussed in the published document as being in need of further consideration in the formulation of final proposals and prior to decisions being taken on their implementation.

(G) Considers that, due to concerns around public transport journey reliability for East Herts residents/workers that some of the highway schemes contained in Segment 13: Broxbourne of the Strategy might cause, flexibility should be retained to take into account the outcome of matters raised by the Inspector to the Broxbourne Local Plan Examination in his Post Hearings Advice regarding the scale of retail development at Brookfield and any subsequent modifications to the Broxbourne Local Plan in due course. The outcome of such modifications should then inform consideration of whether any revision to currently proposed mitigations is required in the A414 Strategy.

(H) Considers that proposals to introduce Real Time Passenger Information at bus stops, improved bus shelters, and integrated ticketing allowing travel across all services within a given zone currently proposed for Segment 13: Broxbourne would be extremely conducive to encouraging modal shift across the A414 Corridor and

	that similar proposals should feature within all segments across its entirety. (I) Considers that all other matters raised in Essential Reference Paper B should be addressed prior to final
	publication of the Strategy.
Reason for Decision:	To respond to Hertfordshire County Council's (HCC) consultation on its draft A414 Corridor Strategy.
Details (if any) of alternative options considered and rejected:	N/A
Any declarations of conflict of interest and/or dispensations granted:	N/A
Linked to Corporate Priority:	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
	Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives
	Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Finance Officer consulted:	N/A
Legal Officer consulted:	N/A
Other Officers consulted:	Liz Watts, Kevin Steptoe, Claire Sime, Adam Halford, Jenny Pierce, George Pavey.