EXECUTIVE MEETING ON 11 JULY 2023



DECISION SHEETS

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6	Waste Shared Service: Client team and Corporate Support	(A) To note the comments from Overview and Scrutiny	Please see Section 3 of the report.	Please see Section 4 of the report.	

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	Arrangements	Committee held on 20th June 2023; (B) To agree the			
		updated waste service policy statements to come into force from May 2025;			
		(C) To agree that each council leads on their own customer service provision with one set of			

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		 processes for customer interactions being developed and agreed with a focus on resolution at the first point of contact; (D) To agree to further work to identify resources and costs to integrate the customer relationship 			

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		 management system with the waste management IT system; and (E) To agree to the proposed minor updates and changes to financial management and governance arrangements and subsequent minor changes to the Inter Authority 			

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			Agreement outlined in Section 3.			
8	Harlow and Gilston Garden Town - Draft Stewardship Charter for Consultation	(A)	That the draft Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Stewardship Charter be approved for consultation	The Garden Town comprises the delivery of 23,000 new homes in the period of the current Local Plans for the Garden Town partner Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and beyond. It includes the planned new communities in the Gilston Area, but also new development to the east, south and west of	The only alternative option would be for the Council not to approve the commencement of a consultation exercise in relation to the draft Charter. If there is any concern with the content of the draft document such that consultation should	

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			Harlow both within Harlow and Epping Forest Districts. The whole of the existing town of Harlow comprises part of the Garden Town and there are proposals for extensive development and regeneration both within the town centre and at other locations across the town. As a result, the Garden Town partners have considered that it is appropriate to set out	not proceed, officers can, of course, seek to secure the appropriate amendments, subject to agreement with the Garden Town partners. The main impact of this course would be a delay in the commencement of consultation and the progression of the document.	

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			their own expectations in relation to stewardship, to ensure that suitable and adequate stewardship arrangements are implemented at sites across the Garden Town. This has resulted in the creation of the draft Garden Town Stewardship Charter. The Charter has been drafted by Garden Town officers, based on their experience of the emerging proposals at		

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			Gilston, but also drawing on experiences and information provided through the development of other Garden Town sites. It has been introduced to the Garden Town site landowners, at a Developer Forum event in Feb 23, and has been subject to scrutiny by the Garden Town Quality Review Panel (QRP). The QRP is a Panel of experts in the planning and development field		

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			which is convened independently on behalf of the Garden Town partners and can be asked to review emerging policy documents and development proposals. The QRP is supportive of the Charter work and has suggested wording amendments and other actions that can be undertaken to strengthen its impact. These recommended amendments will be built in to an updated version		

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			of the Charter, alongside other changes as a result of the feedback received during the proposed consultation exercise. As indicated, it is now appropriate to ensure that there is consultation and engagement with wider stakeholders and this report follows the agreement of the Garden Town Board, at its meeting of 13 June 2023, to undertake that consultation process.		

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			Given the informal decision making nature of the Garden Town Board, it is necessary to have separate agreement in place from all partner authorities to undertake consultation. This report therefore seeks to establish that agreement on behalf of East Herts Council. A detailed consultation and engagement plan is in preparation that sets out arrangements for online and in person		

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			engagement with a range of stakeholders including Parish Councils, other community groups (including the Hunsdon, Eastwick and Gilston Neighbourhood Plan Group), young person engagement and with landowners/ applicants/ developers. The Garden Town partners social media platform will carry details of the consultation arrangements and website and press		

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			release content will be prepared. Hard copy documents will be made available for those who prefer to access documents and return feedback in that form. It has also been confirmed that an online consultation platform, which will support other Garden Town consultation exercises in future, will also be available.		