

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 18 NOVEMBER 2013

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING  
AND TRANSPORT

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DISTRICT PLAN - UPDATE REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report presents a schedule of meetings for the production of the draft District Plan prior to public consultation, together with summary notes from a recent event for Members;
- The programme of meetings has been put together to assist Members in careful scrutiny of the draft Plan, and to provide them with Officer support.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE  
PANEL, EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL: That:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the summary report on the Member Event on 24 October 2013 at Essential Reference 'B', and the schedule of meetings contained at Essential Reference Paper 'C', be noted.</b>

1.0 Background

1.1 As reported in the District Plan Update Report to the previous Panel meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013, the production of the draft Plan is nearing completion.

1.2 A lot of work has been undertaken on the Plan (see Background Papers) and this report puts forward an approach to the final stages of Member engagement with the plan to ensure that all Members are aware of the opportunities for input.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 A private event for all District Members was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to discuss the draft District Plan. The event was attended by 27 out of the 50 District Councillors. Members returned feedback forms which were largely very positive, despite the challenging nature of the content of the day's event. A summary of the event is presented at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 2.2 At the session it was explained that given the large amount of work to consider, and the need for Members to have an opportunity to properly scrutinise the draft development strategy and settlement policies, the agenda items proposed for the District Planning Executive Panel on 3<sup>rd</sup> December would be split across two panel meetings, with a further panel meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014. In addition, a further two private meetings for District Members have been scheduled.
- 2.3 The full schedule of meetings, together with a list of the anticipated agenda items for each meeting is contained at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**.

## 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

District Planning Executive Panel reports:

- District Plan Update Report (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013)
- District Plan Update Report (25<sup>th</sup> July 2013)
- District Plan Part 1 – Update Report (21<sup>st</sup> February 2013)
- District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document – Update Report (28<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document – Update Report (26<sup>th</sup> July 2012)
- District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document – Chapter 4: Places, and Next Steps (26<sup>th</sup> July 2012)
- Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Approach, Technical Work, and Next Steps.

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