EAST HERTS COUNCIL

<u>DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2016</u>

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN (IDP), VERSION 1, SEPTEMBER 2016

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is:

 To present to Members the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), Version 1, September 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:

the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), Version 1, September 2016, as detailed at Essential Reference 'B' to this report, be supported as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan.

1.0 <u>Background</u>

- 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 IDP Version 1 which, when finalised, 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 Version 1, 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. The development strategy for the District is currently being finalised through the Pre-Submission version of the District Plan. When the strategy is confirmed, the Council will be able to engage in more detailed discussions with site promoters/developers and service providers in order to gather more detail on these issues. It is also likely that further infrastructure schemes will be identified through ongoing work, most notably transport modelling which is being led by Hertfordshire and Essex County Councils respectively.
- 2.3 Further iterations of the IDP will therefore be required over the coming months before a final version is prepared prior to Submission of the District Plan to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2017.
- 3.0 <u>Implications/Consultations</u>
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper** 'A'.

Background Papers

None

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