

Council

Date of Meeting: 14 May 2025

Report by: Councillor Ben Crystall, Leader of the Council

Report title: Executive Report – 18 March 2025

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 18 March 2025.

1.0 Item considered and recommended to Council

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive met on 18 March 2025. At these meetings the Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations for Council on the following items:

- 1.1.1 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25
- 1.1.2 East Herts District Plan Review – Buntingford Employment Study 2025
- 1.1.3 East Herts District Plan Review – East Herts Strategic Vision

1.2 This report sets out the recommendation for the above items. The full report, including the Appendix, may be viewed on the council's website.

1.3 This report excludes items also considered by the Executive where those reports are separate agenda items on the Council agenda.

2.0 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25

2.1 The Executive was asked to recommend the Mid-Year Treasury Management Review and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to Council for approval,

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) To approve the Mid-Year Treasury Management review and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25**

3.0 East Herts District Plan Review – Buntingford Employment Study 2025

- 3.1 The Executive was asked to consider an updated employment study for Buntingford to inform both the new District Plan and responses to speculative planning applications in the town.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) That the Buntingford Employment Study (2025), attached as Appendix A, be agreed as part of the evidence base to inform the new East Herts District Plan and as a material consideration for Development Management purposes in the determination of planning applications**

4.0 East Herts District Plan Review – East Herts Strategic Vision

- 4.1 The Executive was asked to consider the Strategic Vision that has been prepared to facilitate a discussion and informed debate about how the district should develop in the future, and provide a unified direction for the Council's approach to growth. In advance of formal plan-making, this Vision will form the basis of community discussions about the new District Plan later this year.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) The East Herts Strategic Vision is made available to stakeholders and the wider community to begin a discussion about the new District Plan, and to seek comments on the Vision;**
- (b) Engagement on the Strategic Vision should commence, and take the form of a six week period of activity during Spring / Summer 2025 through a range of different forums, including online and in-person; and**

- (c) A further report detailing any feedback is prepared following engagement to agree a final version of the Strategic Vision, and to set the out the next stages of plan-making.**

4.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

4.1 [Executive minutes – 18 March 2025](#)

4.2 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25

4.3 Buntingford Employment Study

4.4 East Herts Strategic Vision

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