



Project	RAG Status	Description
Northern Growth Corridor		
North East and Central Joint planning work	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers presented a report to the Programme Board in January 2021, which set out a business case and timetable for the preparation of a non-statutory JSP. Leaders and CEOs debated these proposals and asked officers to identify the effective ‘sweet spot’ in timescale terms for the five councils starting this joint work, considering Local Plans currently at examination. Financial contributions were also to be reviewed considering each authority’s budget-setting process. A set of revised recommendations were presented and agreed at the Programme Board in March 2021. Work will start on the commissioning of a growth study in autumn 2021.
Community Wealth Building	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot activities continue to be identified and these will be included in a Community Wealth Building plan. Joint work with the University of Hertfordshire continues, focussed on procurement. Stevenage BC have commissioned a social value portal to assist the quantification of social value through procurement. A pan-Herts Community Wealth Building officer working group is to be established
Future Growth Locations, New Settlements & Connectivity	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now that the next steps for the NEC JSP have been agreed, the work programme will be reviewed.
Reinvigorating Town Centres	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second formal steering group met February 8th. Monthly meeting pattern established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External speaker (Adam Scott-Freestate) provided some ideas for considering new ways of thinking about the use of town centres. Meeting introduced ‘Health check questionnaire’ based on Institute of Place Management’s 25 priorities survey report. Next action is to organise a workshop (ideally facilitated by IPM) to develop Herts tailored questionnaire and to bring in the broad range of expertise from Herts Districts and Boroughs to begin the dialogue on the future of towns.
Growing Science & Technology Sector	Amber	<p>Scope of work refined, with the first priority narrowed to developing the potential of Gunnells Wood Road, widening out in due course to wider growth options within Hertfordshire. The first output will be a framework/Masterplanning/visioning study for the area, jointly funded by partners and commissioned from external consultants which will make proposals based on sector evidence currently being gathered by the LEP and Stevenage BC.</p>
Climate Change & Sustainability	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Sustainability Action Plan prepared and approved: Plan addresses; high levels of water consumption and abstraction, faulty or inappropriate infrastructure, increased water stress from new development, pollutants entering the water ways, Climate Change impacts on drought and flooding, Improved surface water flood mitigation needed. Biodiversity Baseline procurement process approved: Approval also secured for the full procurement process to be managed and implemented by the Countryside and Rights of Way Service. Carbon Action Plan (draft plan to be presented to Hertfordshire Climate Change Strategic Partnership in March 2021) highlighted the need to prepare a detailed checklist to determine the level of assessment/reporting being undertaken at present, in relation to carbon emissions generated from the combined LA estate and service functions. Proposed projects for further investigation include the standardisation of carbon assessment. Transport Action Plan (draft plan to be presented to HCCSP in April/May 2021) objectives confirmed to include the delivery of net zero carbon emissions for local authority transport operations by 2030 and undertaking work towards net zero greenhouse gas emissions for Hertfordshire’s transport network by 2050 (the Government target). In line with the Local Transport Plan, this action plan will seek to embed sustainable transport policies in Local Plans and prioritise the needs of sustainable travel within every planning decision.

Southern Growth Corridor		
Accelerated Housing	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team is engaged in the fourth round of discussions with district/boroughs to identify our housing delivery pipeline of schemes which, with funding support and other interventions, will be able to be in development by March 2025. Once agreed, this pipeline will form the basis for funding bids to Homes England's Affordable Homes and Strategic Infrastructure Funds. It is anticipated that the prospectus for the latter will be available from early March. The group is exploring how the bid can be made through a strategic partnership arrangement with Homes England. The group is also progressing work on the other interventions as identified to help facilitate accelerated housing growth. Notably, the group successfully bid for Housing Adviser Programme funding from the LGA, to support the strategic county-wide temporary housing accommodation review. In addition, progress is being made with the Hertfordshire off-site manufacturing project, with some districts becoming increasingly engaged in the scheme. There has also been an ongoing dialogue with the Hertfordshire Housing Partnership/One Public Estate, to promote joint working in bringing forward sites for development.
Mass Rapid Transit	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track to complete the draft Options Assessment Report and draft Appraisal Specification Report by the end of March 2021. Engagement activity planned for Summer 2021 to showcase the MRT project including a soft launch of the name/branding and website, and to promote consultation later in the year. Formal consultation on Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) planned for Autumn 2021. This will be a chance to get views on a short list of MRT route corridor options, the type of MRT system and how it could operate. Completion of SOBC due by Mar 2022.
Harlow & Gilston Garden Town	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application proposals for the 10,000 new home development at Gilston (as part of the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town) remain under consideration by Harlow and East Herts Councils. Committee meetings to consider the proposals are expected to be convened in the summer of this year. The Councils and applicants continue to work together to secure a development related funding package (through s106 Agreement) that will deliver a full range of supporting infrastructure and other service provision – transport enhancements, education provision and significant affordable housing delivery chief amongst them. In parallel, the Garden Town partners are now looking to conclude the Housing Investment Grant contract with MHCLG in the next month. This will allow the delivery programme for the funded infrastructure (enhanced A414 River Stort crossing, additional River Stort crossing and a Sustainable Transport Corridor between the Gilston area and Harlow) to move to the next stage of surveying and detailed design work.
Resetting the SE Herts economy in response to COVID-19 and climate change	Red	<p>Project 1 Park Plaza West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prospective developer has now appointed a development team which is working on a revised master plan and delivery plan for the development of the proposed business park. Initial discussions have taken place with the Council.
	Amber	<p>Project 2 New Park Lane Railway Station, Waltham Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initial Strategic Outline Business Case for a new station, which focused on the strategic and economic case for the scheme, is now complete. Arranging to seek key stakeholder views Spring 2021 to help scope and take forward the scheme. The footbridge design will be refreshed as part of the rail halt development scheme, given their impact on each other.
	Green	<p>Project 3 Development of a new Business Park and hi-tech starter Centre (BTC) – Maxwells West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed planning now granted for the access road and works contract to be let shortly by the private sector partners. Design of the BTC is progressing well with a view to a planning application being made at the end of March.
	Green	<p>Project 4 Brookfield & surrounding infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Development Agreement for Brookfield Riverside was completed in December 2020. The overall masterplan consultation with adjacent landowners ended 29 January 2021. Monthly joint HCC/BoB Member Board meetings being held, and it is anticipated planning applications to be made in Autumn 2021. A first stage delivery strategy for the Garden Village including an outline of the cost of the infrastructure is to be presented to the Board at the beginning of March.

	Green	<p>Project 5 Waltham Cross Town Centre Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Realm Design Phase 1 – Preliminary design commenced Oct 2020, due to complete March 2021. The Council has now acquired the Pavilions Shopping Centre to be able to incorporate this into the overall Town Centre Regeneration.
Watford Junction Quarter	Amber	<p>Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network Rail and Kingshott close to agreeing business case for station concourse improvements; Detailed design work to start imminently with 6-month programme; Start on site in 2021; Network Rail close to confirming business case for pedestrian link bridge across rail lines; Design feasibility work to commence shortly.
	Green	<p>Systra work on transport interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and pre-strategic outline business case now completed; Stage 2 work to look at more detailed design feasibility of key interventions are in progress.
	Green	<p>Planning Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watford draft Local Plan is now out to consultation; Supplementary Planning Guidance to be progressed during late 2021.
	Green	<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding support needed stands at £131m; Stakeholder engagement with key landowners on-going; Conversations on-going with Homes England to provide some revenue funding to pay for funding and development strategy work.
	Green	<p>Funding and Development Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement has commenced to instruct consultants to help the Council to formulate a funding and development strategy in collaboration with landowners; Anticipating being able to commence work in April 2021.
Creative & Screen Industries	Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Steering Group meeting 10 February 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To find out whether and/or how to deliver large scale sites for the sector in (SW) Hertfordshire; Group to work with LEP to carry out audit of square footage requirements for the sector and its needs. To find out whether there is a need for and nature of, any physical ‘creative campus’ that might be home to developing skills. Actions: The LEP, leading on skills will gather information focusing on the sector to establish current and future needs and whether they are already provided – working with industry, the districts and local educational institutions, HGB in support, looking at physical locations.
Hemel Garden Communities	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HGC Team is recruiting 2 new posts and 2 existing roles currently vacant. The Spatial Vision, as the overarching document for the Garden Community, has received endorsements from the Authorities and will be published in March. Transport Plan commenced in November 2020, expected to be finalised by the Summer 2021. Work is expected to commence in March on the Framework Plan SPD; draft outputs are expected in October 2021. Continuing work on alignment with the DBC draft Local Plan and alignment between study outputs. Transformation Plan scope to be developed over the next 2 to 3 months. Continuing work on a draft HGC Infrastructure Delivery Plan and a high-level Programme Delivery Strategy. Awaiting outcome of grant allocation from MHCLG Capacity Fund and aligning with HGB for future funding bids.