

# Agenda item 7

## Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) – Review of Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership (HIPP)

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### **1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 This report and appendix 1 attached, provides a short update on the recent review of the Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership (HIPP).
- 1.2 HIPP comprises the planning/transport portfolio holders and heads of planning from the eleven councils in Hertfordshire as well as representation from Herts LEP and others. The current Chair is Cllr Linda Haysey and the current Vice-Chair is Cllr Derrick Ashley.
- 1.3 The partnership is supported by Herts Planning Group, comprising of Heads of Planning and invited guests, as well as sub-groups which bring together Planning Policy Managers and Development Management Managers.
- 1.4 The recent review was to look at the work of the partnership, ensure that it was still needed and to consider its relationship with the work of the Growth Board.

### **2 The Future of HIPP**

- 2.1 HIPP's overarching purpose is "to provide a forum to discuss and develop a shared view and to propose joint work programmes on planning and infrastructure issues of common concern, working co-operatively within Hertfordshire and across county borders, according to the principles of localism and the duty to cooperate."
- 2.2 The review concluded that there was still an important and necessary role for HIPP and that this should be formalised within the 'ecosystem' of groups working around the Hertfordshire Growth Board. This view is supported.
- 2.3 HIPP is requesting that the Growth Board provides the secretariat support to HIPP in future in the same way that it does to the corridor programme boards. This support used to be funded by annualised contribution from all the 11 councils so would be an additional requirement for the Growth Board to cover from the currently agreed HGB budget for 2021/22.
- 2.4 Previous work commissioned by HIPP such as the Hertfordshire Infrastructure Funding Prospectus and the Green Infrastructure Study were also funded jointly by all the councils in HIPP. The future funding of work of this nature will need to be further discussed.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Leaders note the paper attached at appendix 1, and:
- 3.2 Agree that the Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership continues to have a valuable role to play within the wider work of the Growth Board. Updates from the Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership should be provided to each Hertfordshire Growth Board meeting in future; and
- 3.3 Agree to provide future secretariat support to the Hertfordshire Infrastructure Planning Partnership meetings