

# Agenda item 5

## Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) Overall Work Programme Progress Report July 2022

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### 1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report updates on progress with the current Growth Board work programme and specific areas of work that are new or which the Board needs to provide a view on. The last Growth Board meeting took place on 14 June 2022.

### 2 The Growth Board Work Programme and Priorities 2021 – 2022

- 2.1 The priority themes for 2021/2 were:
- a) Economic Recovery, performance, and resilience
  - b) Working together to deliver the homes that Hertfordshire needs
  - c) Future Hertfordshire.
  - d) Completion of the 2020 Work programme Projects
- 2.2 The work programme priorities for 2022/3 are to be confirmed. Appendix 1 is the Growth Board Work Programme Plan and progress to July 2022.
- 2.3 The updates that follow in section 3 relate to mainstream growth board programmes. The Growth corridor programme board updates are normally reported separately but given the short time between this and the last meeting there is no update this time.

### 3 Work Programme Updates

#### Engagement with HM Government

- 3.1 There has been no change since the position reported to the last Growth Board meeting. The first nine areas identified for new style County Deals remain in active discussion with government but the timetable for completion of those pilot areas agreements and announcements on the timetable for bids for a second tranche remains unconfirmed.

## **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

- 3.2 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation has been confirmed and Hertfordshire District and Borough councils will receive allocations of just over £13 million between them, over three years. Individual local investment plans are at an advance stage of preparation and teams have worked with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in their preparation.

## **Digital Workstream**

- 3.3 The Hertfordshire digital framework was approved by HGB in January 2022 and the establishment of a digital board to oversee delivery of the strategy was also agreed. The Board is now in place and Cllr Morris Bright is the political lead, Mayor Peter Taylor has also been asked to join. The board will determine priorities including bidding for further national funding. A full update will be provided to the September Growth Board.
- 3.4 As advised at last meeting, a team has been set up to take forward the work, with oversight by a steering group made up of LEP, Growth Board and Hertfordshire County Council officers.

## **Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Development Board (HIDB)**

- 3.5 The HIDB held its inaugural meeting on 11 November 2021 and is now meeting quarterly. Subscription levels are very good demonstrating the high levels of industry and sector interest in engaging with this new consultative body. Forty organisations have become members and meeting attendances are now 100+ each time. The last meeting in June 2022 focussed on delivering sustainable growth.
- 3.6 Growth Board members, Chief Executives and Heads of Planning Services represent the board and to lead the sector level engagement through the HIDB events. The next meeting is on 8 September 2022 and will have a focus on Regeneration.

## **4 Implications**

- 4.1 There are no adverse legal, financial, equalities, environmental, sustainability or other implications arising from this report and its

recommendations which support the ongoing work and priorities of the Growth Board.

## **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the Board notes the progress with the Growth Board Work Programme Plan and progress to July 2022, as set out in the paper and in Appendix 1.

**APPENDIX 1**

<b>Workstream</b>	<b>Key deliverables</b>	<b>Key activities</b>	June	July	August	September
<b>HGB Governance</b>	Implementation of Joint Committee(s) - <b>Completed</b>					
	New co-opted members joined from September 2021 - <b>Completed</b>					
	Communications and Engagement	HGB Communications Strategy				
Engagement and participation events (virtual) - two events held in 2021, three webinars and new Chair's profile feature autumn 2021		<b>To be reviewed</b>				
	Oversight	On-going oversight in place, political oversight and forward agenda planning through CEx Co-ordinating Group		<b>Active</b>		
<b>Delivering the Homes Hertfordshire Needs</b>	Strategic Partnership work	On-going housing pipeline and delivery pathway development work informed by Government discussions & accelerating housing workstream.		<b>Completed</b>		

	Homes England Strategic Partnership Expression of Interest Bid to Homes England Affordable Homes Fund	<b>Completed</b>
	Temporary Accommodation Collaboration Investigation	<b>Active</b>
	OSM/MMC project actions – facilitating the uptake of this option as part of our pipeline of sites	<b>Guidance document approved and published</b>
Preparation of Housing and Growth submission to MHCLG	Programme of meetings with DLUHC officials on-going.	<b>Programme completed</b>
	DLUHC Deputy Director attends and briefs Growth Board regularly.	<b>Programme completed</b>
	Briefing Herts MPs at the appropriate times	<b>Programme completed</b>
Partners, investors & delivery bodies Engagement	Establish Developer Forum with agreed partner, implementation Autumn (HIDB)	<b>Next HIDB - 8 September 2022</b>

**Completed and underway**

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**Economic Recovery, Performance and Resilience**

Hertfordshire Investment Ready

Development of a purposeful Investment Ready Strategy – to bring greater investment into Herts (both public and private sources). Investigate options such as impact and regional funds and bear down on establishing the conditions locally that need to be created to leverage in investment.

Investment Strategy and Portfolio of our investable propositions (infrastructure and schemes that are or can be made spade ready).

**Completed**



<b>Future Hertfordshire</b>	Closer working with Health sector, ensuring wellbeing as part of placemaking (planning and delivery stages)	Working group set up with Health sector, task, and finish project to enhance cross sector working and impact, particularly around infrastructure and place-making	<b>Group continues to meet</b>
	Climate, Carbon and Sustainability work alignment with HGB	Alignment with the current work being overseen by Herts Leaders.	<b>Active</b>
	Infrastructure costs update via the HIPP in 2021-22	Roll Forward of the HIPP – investigate cost effective options and optimal timing for this. HIPP oversight and recommendations to HGB later in 2022	<b>Active</b>
<b>Planning Resilience Task and Finish Group</b>	Improve overall performance of the Hertfordshire Growth delivery pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task and Finish Group established</li> <li>• Action Plan to be considered at Growth Board on 20/7/22</li> </ul>	<b>Active</b>