

# Agenda item 9

## Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) – Updates from Growth Corridors

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### 1 Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report provides a short update on the overall progress of the Growth Corridor work programmes and projects since July 2022.
- 1.2. Attached at Appendix 1 are the updates from the most recent Growth Corridor Programme Board meetings. The Growth Corridor Programme Board Political leads will provide highlights from each board at the meeting.

### 2 Updates on Growth Corridor Delivery Programmes and workstreams – September 2022

- 2.1 The majority of growth corridor projects are making good progress (green rated) there are no red rated projects at the moment. A review of the rating and reporting system has been undertaken and has been implemented across all workstream projects.
- 2.3 Oversight of the projects allows the programme boards to review any actions at a Growth Board level where these would assist the specific project to move forward.
- 2.3 Of note over the last period was progress on a number of corridor-based workstreams including:
  - The Growth Study for the North East and Central Joint planning collaboration work is at an advanced stage
  - The 'Vision, Opportunity Plan and Design Guide' for the Gunnels Wood Road area in Stevenage has been commissioned to support the cell and gene cluster work.
  - Town centre surveys have been undertaken as part of the reinvigorating High Streets and Town centres group, working with the Institute of Place Management and Save the High Streets Foundation
  - The majority of Community Wealth Building grant-based projects were completed in August.

- The Hertfordshire Offsite Manufacturing Guide has been published on the Growth Board website and was featured in the July edition of the chamber of commerce Inspire magazine
- The Growth Board approved the principle of establishing a Herts Screen Office and work on building the business plan is progressing.

### **3 Next Steps**

- 3.1 Priorities for the coming months are to review the governance of the corridor programme boards and ongoing corridor programmes and project work.

### **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 Leaders note the project updates in Appendix 1 and overall progress across the Growth Board programme and individual workstreams since the last meeting.