

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

N/A

If not a Key Decision write n/a above

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: Harlow Gilston Garden Town (HGGT) Stewardship Charter

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): No

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Cllr Stephen Boulton

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Sustainable Economic Growth

Officer Contact: Colin Haigh, Director of Growth & Place, 01992 556122

1. Decision

To agree that the HGGT Draft Stewardship Charter be issued for public consultation.

2. Reasons for the decision

Harlow-Gilston Garden Town (HGGT) is the name of a project to build 24,000 new homes and supporting infrastructure in and around Harlow, to deliver modal shift and sustainable travel corridors and to regenerate the town. HGGT is also the name of the partnership comprising East Herts District Council, Epping Forest District Council, Harlow Borough Council, Essex County Council and Herts County Council, who are working together to achieve the above objectives.

The partners have prepared a HGGT Stewardship Charter as a guide for landowners, developers, site promoters and planning applicants to implement desired stewardship arrangements for their sites and green spaces. It can also be used by existing and new communities to understand what to expect and how they can be involved.

The HGGT Draft Stewardship Charter was agreed for public consultation by HGGT Board on 13 June 2023, which Cllr Boulton attended and voted in favour of.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative option is not to agree or consult on the HGGT Draft Stewardship Strategy. This option is not favoured because it would not support good partnership working, nor the

resolution of the HGGT Board on 13 June 2023. This would leave the partnership with no guidance to secure good stewardship arrangements for future sites and green spaces.

4. **Consultation** (see *Summary of Requirements below*)

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member

The Executive Member is happy to agree the HGGT Draft Stewardship Charter for public consultation, via email dated 5 July 2023.

(b) Comments of other consultees

Cllr Eric Buckmaster as the relevant ward member is happy to agree the HGGT Draft Stewardship Charter for public consultation, via email dated 15 June 2023.

5. **Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

N/A

6. **Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Colin Haigh

Title: Director of Growth & Place

Date: 6 July 2023

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- Hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager, Room 213, County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor

Local	No	<p>Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor</p>
Local	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor</p>
General or County-wide	No	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders of all Political Groups</p>