

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) Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): No

Executive Member: 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 IDP Update be published.

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 an update to the HGGT Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which was initially published in 2019. This update was actioned to respond to changes in infrastructure costs as a result of recent inflation rises, to reflect the Gilston planning decision heads of terms and to remove contributions towards acute healthcare. This update was also to provide HGGT partners with a stronger negotiating position for other strategic sites (excluding Gilston).

The HGGT IDP Update was agreed for publication by HGGT Board on 12 September 2023.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative option is not to publish the HGGT IDP Update. This option is not favoured because it would not support a strong negotiating position for HGGT partners with developers, nor the resolution of the HGGT Board on 12 September 2023. This would leave the partnership with no accurate or recent costings for infrastructure necessary to mitigate the impact of development coming forward in the HGGT area.

4. Consultation (see Summary of Requirements below)

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member

Cllr Stephen Boulton for Herts CC. Agreed via e-mail 15 February 2024.

(b) Comments of other consultees

Cllr Eric Buckmaster for Sawbridgeworth electoral division. Agreed via email 6 Dec 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: 15 February 2024

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	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p>
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>