

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

ACTION PLAN: SCRUTINY PANEL 3

Recommendations from Scrutiny Panel (3 – Infrastructure Requirements and Section 106 Agreements) completed in June 2013

Proposed dates for monitoring implementation of accepted recommendations

Report received by Cabinet	Response received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring activity	Monitoring complete
17 July 2013	7 April 2014	10 November 2014	

Recommendation 1: The Scrutiny Panel formally informs Cabinet that it is satisfied that the infrastructure requirements are identified in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Infrastructure Delivery Plan up to 2026.

Action	Implementation/responsibility by:	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
The report of the O&S Committee was submitted to Cabinet in July 2013 informing it of recommendation 1.	Reported to Cabinet - 17 July 2013	n/a	Reported; 17 July 2013	Complete

Recommendation 2: Infrastructure cannot be totally funded through Section 106 Agreements or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Cabinet investigates other funding sources to meet the funding gap of £439.6 million.

Action	Implementation/responsibility by	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
An infrastructure funding gap of £150.7m has been identified across West Northamptonshire, (Northampton Borough contributes £44m to this overall figure). Active funding approach required.	Infrastructure Steering Group consisting of senior Officers representing West Northamptonshire Councils with a remit to report direct to individual Borough/District Councils Cabinets in respect of strategic infrastructure issues.	Officer resources in place. Funding requires ongoing awareness and application of opportunities that arise.	Ongoing	

Recommendation 3: It is ensured that the North West Bypass is fully funded and built, when required, to serve new developments and that appropriate arrangements are agreed with South Northants Council and Daventry District Council to ensure funding CIL infrastructure is given priority across the partnership.

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Requires: Adoption of CIL	Infrastructure Steering Group and Charge Setting Working	Phase 1 developer provide (A428 to	2014	

charging schedules. Agreed governance and spending remit operating across the Charging Authorities of West Northamptonshire	Group Planning and Development Management Teams within West Northamptonshire, as appropriate, including NCC (Highways).	Grange Farm) £11.3m* Phase 2 developer/NCC (Grange Farm to A5199) £16.3m* *Figures as contained in 2013 IDP update.	2021	
Recommendation 4: Section 106 Agreements and CIL contribute to improvements to the Strategic Highways Network via the A45/M1 Growth Management Strategies.				
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Memorandum of Understanding drawn up to be signed off by West Northamptonshire Councils and the Highways Agency.	Memorandum drawn up through Transport Officers Steering Group. NCC acts as banker/project manager. Programme Board acts as project sponsor.	£12.4m scheme Circa £1.8 m contributions achieved to date	2015/16 delivery of first scheme.	
Recommendation 5: Cabinet satisfies itself that the introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will not have an adverse impact on the				

provision of affordable housing; whilst recognising that the existing S106 Policy allows for flexibility in accordance with Government Policy.

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CIL Examination will assess viability in respect of the proposed CIL charging rates.	Charging Authorities of NBC/DDC and SNC	Existing Officer resources. CIL receipts from 2015/16 onwards.	April 2015	

Recommendation 6: Cabinet recognises that the introduction of CIL will have corporate implications and these must be identified and addressed.

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Working Groups set up to oversee implementation and collection of CIL, comprising West Northamptonshire	Charge Setting Working Group to drive forward implementation of CIL Collection Group to take forward the collection of CIL receipts.	Charge Setting Working Group officer resource in place. Collection Group will draw on existing council resources	April 2015 for implementation.	

council officers.		including revenues and benefits in respect of collection.		
Recommendation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee				
Recommendation 7: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as part of its monitoring regime, reviews the impact of this report in six months' time.				
Action	Implementation/responsibility by	Resources required/available	Target date	Achievement/Completed
Included onto the O&S Monitoring Work Programme 2014/2015	Added to the O&S Monitoring Work Programme - Overview and Scrutiny Committee	n/a	Monitoring to take place in November 2014	