

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2018**

Report Title	<b>JOINT STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN CONSULTATION</b>
Contacts	<p>Councillor Trevor Pendleton 01530 569746 <a href="mailto:trevor.pendleton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">trevor.pendleton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Strategic Director of Place 01530 454555 <a href="mailto:james.arnold@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">james.arnold@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Head of Planning &amp; Regeneration 01530 454782 <a href="mailto:Jim.newton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">Jim.newton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a></p>
Purpose of report	To consider the consultation into the Leicester & Leicestershire Joint Strategic Growth Plan
Council priorities	<p>Value for Money</p> <p>Homes and Communities</p> <p>Business and Jobs</p> <p>Green Footprints</p>
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	There are no resource implications arising from this report. Officer time and funding for consultancy work have been contributed by all partners
Link to relevant CAT	None
Risk Management	As far as possible control measures have been put in place to minimise risks, albeit the main risk control will rest with local planning authorities through the production of their local plans
Equalities Impact Screening	An Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been prepared to support the Consultation Draft Strategic Growth Plan
Human Rights	See above
Transformational Government	N/A
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory

Comments of Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory
Consultees	None
Background papers	<a href="#">Joint Strategic Growth Plan</a>
Recommendations	<b>THAT THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP CONSIDERS THE DRAFT PLAN</b>

## 1.0 CONTEXT

- 1.1 Cabinet resolved that the draft Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan be published for consultation during the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Similar resolutions have been secured by the other consortium organisations (including LLEP).
- 1.2 The consultation is to run for twelve weeks, and the consortium has prepared common publicity material which we have each agreed to use. We have also each agreed to hold two consultation events within our districts. It is important to the consortium that we are all consistent.
- 1.3 The first NWL event is due to be held in the Ashby area, in recognition of its accessibility to people, and its location relative to the A42 and HS2 route. The second event is to be held in the north of the district, to enable residents there to explore the 'northern gateway' ideas.

## 2.0 KEY FEATURES OF THE DRAFT GROWTH PLAN

- 2.1 The Draft Strategic Growth Plan addresses the period beyond 2031. The 'northern gateway' includes provision for 10,000 new homes, 4,000 of which are to be accommodated in North West Leicestershire. The balance are to be accommodated within Charnwood, due to the proximity of the Science Park and University at nearby Loughborough. It will be for local plans to identify and allocate sites to meet the strategic growth.
- 2.2 Table 4 of the document sets out the total annual housing delivery rate of 448 homes per year, as projected forward from the HEDNA. This total is split between the strategic location (the 'northern gateway') and local needs. A subsequent local plan will address this distribution.
- 2.3 The document also recognises the HS2 proposals, the Midlands Connect strategy, and the Midlands Engine. The A42 corridor, when viewed in wider context, has an international airport and an HS2 station at either end. The draft plan, in recognition of this, includes a proposal to upgrade the A42 to expressway standard.

## 3.0 THE PROCESS TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Policy Development Group's deliberations will be made available to Cabinet, which itself will consider the draft Plan, and respond to the consultation.