

SINGLE CONVERSATION: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

Purpose of report

1. To summarise progress

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2. Work is continuing across the authorities and sub-regionally to ensure explicit priorities have been identified as the basis for negotiations on planned investment to support:
 - development of housing and employment locations
 - key employment sites
 - affordable and supported housing
3. Roger Tym & Partners have developed their draft report on the infrastructure requirements and deliverability of priority key development locations. Officers are reviewing the report in order to feedback comments before it is finalised. Amongst other things the report recognises the historical infrastructure deficit, the limited viability of sites in the period up to 2015 and the need for yet more transport investment. It questions the viability of the housing numbers indicated for those key development locations delivered by 2026 in the Government's Proposed Changes to RSS. The individual strategic assessment of locations is helpful; overall the report provides a useful strategic analysis of the issues and challenges ahead.
4. Officers will ensure that the work of Roger Tym & Partners assists the development of the Joint Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan, which will be based on the emerging Core Strategies. Their work will also assist the development of these strategies.
5. Work is now planned to:
 - assess relative priorities across the investment themes at paragraph 2 above
 - agree the scope, form and timescales for negotiations with HCA and RDA.
 - seek clarity on the investment levels envisaged by HCA and RDA and on their priorities for investment as well as the form of the Joint Investment Plan
 - review the various sources of infrastructure investment and cash flow support and consider how in practice they can complement the value of any Council assets that can assist development and the investment available from HCA and RDA.

6. Officers will ensure Executive Members are well informed of future developments in this work and that their authority and approval is obtained at key junctures.

Recommendation

7. That members note the summary report and give their views on the matters considered.

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