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| **JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FOR****NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE** |
| **Meeting held: 19th April 2016****at Corby Borough Council** |

**Present:** Councillor Russell Roberts (Kettering) (Chair)

 Councillors Tom Beattie (Corby); Lloyd Bunday (Kettering); Elise Elliston (Corby); Bob Eyles (Corby); Andre Gonzales de Savage (Northamptonshire CC) and Jonathan West (Kettering).

**Also Present:** David Cook (Chief Executive, Kettering Borough Council)

 Martin Hammond (Deputy Chief Executive, Kettering Borough Council)

 Stephen Catchpole (SEMLEP)

 Adrian Arnold (Joint Delivery Unit)

 Andrew Longley (Joint Planning Unit)

 Rob Harbour (Kettering Borough Council)

 Jenn Bell (Joint Delivery Unit)

 Andra Stopforth (Joint Planning Unit)

 Paul Bland (East Northamptonshire Council)

 Iain Smith (Corby Borough Council)

 Chris Wragg (Northamptonshire County Council)

 Caroline Wardle (NNDC)

 Carole Dehgani (Corby CCG)

 Dr Joanne Watt (Corby CCG)

 David Sissling (KGH)

 Stuart Wesselby (Tresham College)

 Mike Edwards (The Land Trust)

 Gareth Price (The Land Trust)

 Anne Ireson (Committee Administrator)

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| **15.JDC.26 APOLOGIES** Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Bell (Wellingborough); Cllr Martin Griffiths (Wellingborough); Cllr Brian Emerson (Wellingborough); Cllr Steven North (East Northamptonshire); Cllr David Brackenbury (East Northamptonshire); Cllr David Jenney (East Northamptonshire); David Oliver (East Northamptonshire); Norman Stronach (Corby); John Campbell (Wellingborough); Hilary Chipping (SEMLEP), Julie Thomas (Wellingborough), Sajeeda Rose (NEP), Charles Amies (HCA); Graham Foster (KGH); Richard Palmer (East Northamptonshire Council); **15.JDC.27** **MINUTES**  **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair. |  |
| **15.JDC.28 MINUTES OF THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRATEGIC STAKEHOLDERS’ GROUP** The minutes of the meeting of the North Northamptonshire Strategic Stakeholders’ Group held on 30th March 2016 were circulated for information. |  |
| **15.JDC.29 URGENT BUSINESS – STEEL INDUSTRY**The Chair advised the Committee that he had accepted an item of urgent business in relation to the steel industry under the provisions of Section 100B 4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order to ensure compliance with new government procurement guidance. It was proposed by Cllr Tom Beattie (Corby) and seconded by Cllr Russell Roberts (Kettering) that:- *“This Committee:-* *(i) supports the efforts by central and local government to secure the long-term future of the British steel industry; and* *(ii) also seeks to ensure that all qualifying public sector contracts to be let in North Northamptonshire comply with the new government procurement guidance which means that wider considerations such as social impact, job impacts and staff safety can be taken in account, which will assist in British companies being able to compete on a level playing field.”* In introducing the motion, Cllr Beattie explained that Corby was a town built around the steel industry. Over 1,000 directly-employed, agency and contract staff in Corby and the surrounding area were reliant on the steel industry. Since the announcement by Tata Steel regarding the proposed disposal of its interests in the UK, the government had been in talks with Tata and potential buyers of the business. During a recent ministerial visit to Corby, a tour of the plant had been arranged, following which the MP for Corby had stated that the continuation of high-quality steel-making in Corby was vital to the economy and future well-being of the area. The Committee was advised of a recent change in government legislation to allow local authorities to seek to procure UK steel, therefore protecting jobs. The significant development opportunities in North Northamptonshire and the ongoing commitment to building communities and the associated infrastructure could protect jobs all over Northamptonshire if there was an obligation to procure UK steel and other materials. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this Committee:- (i) supports the efforts by central and local government to secure the long-term future of the British steel industry; and (ii) also seeks to ensure that all qualifying public sector contracts to be let in North Northamptonshire comply with the new government procurement guidance which means that wider considerations such as social impact, job impacts and staff safety can be taken in account, which will assist in British companies being able to compete on a level playing field. |  |
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| **15.JDC.30 HEALTH SERVICE PRESSURES – PRESENTATION BY KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL** |  |
|  David Sissling (Chief Executive of Kettering General Hospital) addressed the Committee on behalf of the local NHS, outlining challenges, solutions and responses.  Challenges The challenges facing the NHS were those related to demand:-* Rising populations
* Changing demography – ie more elderly people
* Increases in medical technology
* 20% increase in A & E visits
* 4-5% rise in admissions

SolutionsThe solutions were felt to be related to quality:-* Acceptable standards of care as there was no longer a local discretion
* Rising patient and public expectations
* Performance and being held to account for delivering clear outcomes
* Money and resources – the NHS continues to struggle to hire within its resources
* Workforce responsibilities – KGH is one of the most significant employers in the area
* Ability to attract and retain staff – felt to be critical to success

Responses* Prevention – lifestyle/behavioural issues and choices
* Like to see Kettering General Hospital become a health and wellbeing campus
* Introduction of new models of care to minimise length of hospital stays
* Integration of services – joint contributions around the patient – health/social care/local authorities/housing
* Place and partnership – partnerships of quality and strength will determine success in North Northamptonshire
* Money – pool and make best use of resources to avoid hospital admissions
* Efficiency and quality
* Leadership - adopt approach and ambition to ensure local people want to work and develop careers in health care in North Northamptonshire

In discussion, it was noted that the key strapline of the CCG was *"the right care, in the right place, at the right time".* It was felt that the way forward in relation to health care in the future was to look at individual patients' issues and offer a package of care that would cut length of hospital stays and enable them to keep their independence at home by working in partnership to change models of care. The challenges and financial issues around growth and an ageing population meant that strong partnerships were essential to working both in community and primary care to enable people to get home from hospital quickly. Delayed discharge (bed blocking) continued to cause concern and it was noted that around 10% of beds were occupied by medically fit patients waiting for home or social care solutions from three or four different organisations.Debate was held around S106 agreements in relation to health care, and it was noted that models changed quickly. As partners worked smarter, building health premises within new communities was not always the most appropriate solution. New models of care were now being looked at whereby the following issues were felt to be vital:-* Good public transport links
* Care in the community – a mobile workforce, with access to Wifi and the ability to work from cars using IT
* Seamless care – prevention and detection, the dualling of skills across the public sector and empowering health care workers to gain knowledge
* Broader thinking about health and wellbeing with the right links and information technology

It was felt that partnership working in North Northamptonshire on a scale of 1-10 (where 1 is good) was currently around 3, with sound progress being made in encouraging communities to adopt and embrace healthy lifestyles. However it was important to maintain progress in the following areas:-* Environment
* A sense of community
* Good community facilities which would help combat loneliness and isolation
* Support services to self-empower communities to look after themselves

  Discussion was held on the need to attract people to live and work in North Northamptonshire. It was felt that more should be done in this respect and existing brochures/packages looked at as a collective in relation to quality of life, house prices, value for money and proximity to places and countryside through the lens of Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire as a whole. David Sissling was thanked for his presentation.**AGREED** that:- (i) work continue with Developers, Economic Development Officers and Chief Planning Officers across North Northamptonshire on marketing and promotion of sites in relation to jobs, housing and value for money; and (ii) the importance of good public transport links and access to information technology be emphasised in building communities. | Adrian ArnoldAdrian Arnold |
| **15.JDC.31 COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS**  A report was submitted which provided members with information on Community Land Trusts and a potential approach in North Northamptonshire. Members noted that Community Land Trusts were local organisations which developed and managed housing as well as other assets important to communities, for example community enterprises, food growing or workspaces. Community Land Trusts were charities or not-for-profit distributing companies that owned land and property for the benefit of a community and people living or working there. Mike Edwards and Gareth Price of The Land Trust attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the background and membership of The Land Trust. Case studies were also outlined. It was noted that opportunities existed to scale-up and add to existing sites by the use of endowments to supplement service charges which already applied. **RESOLVED** that:- (i) the high significance of in perpetuity management as an integral part of the design and delivery of green infrastructure which started at an early stage of the planning process be noted; and (ii) the Joint Delivery Unit progress this area of work in addressing the long term green space management stewardship issues across the North Northamptonshire SUEs and explore with The Land Trust and the appropriate developers how they might work together for the long term benefit of the future communities.  | Adrian Arnold |
| **15.JDC.32 HEALTH UPDATE** A report was submitted which kept members informed and updated on the North Northamptonshire Health Needs Assessment.  Members were informed that Quod Planning had now been instructed to undertake the health needs assessment and the inception meeting had taken place in March this year. Quod would be using a specialist consultant to undertake the Assessment. The CCGs would be directly involved in the study, alongside various personnel within NHS England and NHS Property Services and other health stakeholders in the area, including Kettering General Hospital. The study would seek to establish what needed to change to provide a much more progressive health service to serve the housing growth that would take place. Members were assured that links would also be made with the Design SPD. The assessment would seek more information on and include:* Anticipating future health needs
* Technology
* Quality and type of housing.

It was noted that he concept of 'flexible spaces' was endorsed by CCGs and the point that had been made previously in the meeting about the need for good public transport links and information technology was emphasised in this respect.Debate was held on the Healthy New Towns programme. It was felt that valuable work on health in this area with partners was being progressed despite this not being recognised in the bid that was submitted. There were no planned future rounds for bidding. North Northamptonshire, with its population, was stronger with four local authorities working together to make a case for assistance and support. North Northamptonshire was, however, a relatively young brand, but represented the fastest growing part of the fastest growing county in the country and contained a college, a hospital and had good business rates growth. It was noted that the assessment was due to be completed by early June 2016, with a presentation made to the committee at a suitable future meeting. **RESOLVED** that the report be noted. |  |
| **15.JDC.33 STARTER HOMES – UNLOCKING THE LAND FUND**A report was submitted which informed the Joint Delivery Committee of the opportunity presented by the Government's Starter Homes Prospectus and which sought agreement for an Expression of interest to be made on behalf of North Northamptonshire. Expressions of Interest needed to be submitted by 13th May. This was considered to be a tight deadline, and tended to favour areas with developed plans and plenty of brownfield capacity. The deadline for submission of bids was 1st December. Although some concerns were expressed, particularly regarding restrictions to first time buyers and on purchasers regarding age. Expressing an interest would not be binding on individual authorities. However, it was important to submit and then feed in and follow up with a wider prospectus of sites in the final bid at a later date. Issues and concerns around Section 106 Agreements in relation to brownfield sites were raised. It was noted that the government was vague on this issue and a complete answer had not yet been received. The Housing and Planning Bill also contained a section around Starter Homes. The Bill enabled regulations to be made on the proportion of starter homes on a development. The government had stated that 10% of a development of over 10 homes should be starter homes. However, the legislation was still subject to challenge and consultation. **AGREED** that a North Northamptonshire Expression of Interest be prepared in response to the Government's Starter Homes Prospectus. | Andrew Longley |
| **15.JDC.34 GARDEN COMMUNITIES CAPACITY BID** **- Budget Update** **- New Bid 2016 to 2018 (2 year funding)**A report was submitted which updated members on the Budget, capacity bid and the progress to date in using the capacity funds and the new Capacity Bid – 2016-2018. It was noted that a £34k underspend would remain unallocated at the present time in order to retain some flexibility within the budget until an indication of the new capacity budget was received. A key matter regarding highway inflexibility had been flagged up by the Stakeholders' Group. However, it had been acknowledged that the work on capacity on the highway matters was improving. Details of the new bid would be circulated to Chief Executives prior to submission by 30th April.**RESOLVED** that the report be noted. | Adrian Arnold |
| **115.JDC.35 SUE HIGHWAYS UPDATE**  A report was submitted which informed members of highways issues at the SUEs and the priority schemes at each. Concern was expressed regarding comments made by developers that approved design codes were not being accepted during the highways adoption process within NCC. The Committee expressed sympathy with developers in this respect, and it was suggested that a request be made to NCC to devolve the highways function to the Joint Delivery Committee to give the ability to prioritise decision-making and deliver the improvements needed. Cllr Andre Gonzales de Savage of NCC expressed the opinion that opportunities for conversations with developers existed around their ability to design and manage the process through a management company. There were also cost issues to consider.**RESOLVED** that:- (i) the key highway priorities at each SUE and the progress being made with these be noted; (ii) the need for ongoing discussion between NCC Highways and the JDU to find the right balance between the technical side and the need to achieve a quality place be noted; and (iii) NCC be asked to devolve the highways function to this Committee in order to prioritise road infrastructure. | Adrian Arnold |
| **15.JDC.36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** A plan for unlocking growth, housing and jobs in the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor A document was circulated to Members of the Committee which outlined the terms of reference for a review which was being carried out by the National Infrastructure Commission. The aim of the review was to provide the Government with proposals and options for the long-term infrastructure priorities to unlock growth, jobs and housing within the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor over the next 30 years.  The National Infrastructure Commission would be led by Lord Adonis and would work in conjunction with SEMLEP and local authorities to maximise the potential of the area as a single, knowledge-intensive cluster that competed on the global stage, whilst both protecting the area’s high quality environment and securing the homes, and jobs, the region needs. Chief Executive – SEMLEP Stephen Catchpole was introduced to the meeting and addressed the Committee as the Chief Executive of SEMLEP. Mr Catchpole welcomed the meeting’s prior debate on the steel industry and the resolution in respect of procurement of British Steel. He also commented on the growth agenda, stating that quality of life was a key issue, not only for new residents but for existing communities. Opportunities for bids to be submitted for specific projects existed which would have an economic impact across the whole of the SEMLEP area. It was agreed that discussions in this respect should continue in the light of the forthcoming review by the National Infrastructure Commission. Affordable Rented Property It was noted that discussions were being held with Housing Associations and a key promoter of the Priors Hall site about the development of a product which would include affordable rented properties. Discussions would also continue to be held in relation to other sites in North Northamptonshire. |  |
|  **15.JDC.37 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS** A suggested date for the next meeting of 14th July 2016 was found to be unsuitable due to a clash with the Joint Planning Committee. It was agreed that an alternative date would be identified and circulated to members as soon as possible. The following dates for future meetings were agreed:- Thursday, 20th October 2016 Tuesday, 31st January 2017 Thursday, 13th April 2017  | Anne Ireson |
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The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.15 pm

Signed ………………………………………

Chair

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