

AGENDA ITEM NO.8 – HUNTINGDONSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING UPDATE

CABINET – 10th December 2015

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING) – 8th December 2015

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) has received an update on infrastructure planning in Huntingdonshire and noted that future update reports will be provided in June and December of each year.

The Panel noted the work carried out on a range of projects including: A14 Trunk Road, A428, A1, Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, East West Rail, A141 Huntingdon to St Ives. Members recognised that this work could not have been carried out by the Council alone and was pleased that so many Partners are working together to deliver infrastructure projects. The Panel also recognised, given the importance of infrastructure provision to support growth, that this work would need to be satisfactorily resourced into the future. The Panel expressed they would like the Partner working to continue so that the much need infrastructure can be provided. In addition Members wanted the Cabinet to explore the opportunity of Devolution as an additional mode of delivering infrastructure projects.

With respect to the Local Plan, Members were concerned that deficiencies with the current Cambridgeshire Sub Regional Model for highways and transport purposes should not delay progress with the emerging Local Plan, and that whilst the relationship with the County Council on this matter is of critical importance Cabinet may wish to explore what options are open to the Council so that the work can be completed in time to submit the Huntingdonshire Local Plan.