

## **AGENDA ITEM NO.7 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

**CABINET – 10th December 2015**

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

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) was informed of the proposed governance structure for the management and operation of the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding pot, and a range of high profile infrastructure planning work that is required to support the council's economy and growth agenda. The report also referred to the development of a future funding profile using CIL funds with regard to the outstanding costs of the Huntingdon West Link Road.

The Panel was informed that the Membership of the Growth and Infrastructure Group would be increased to include a total of four District Councillors, one of which will be the Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing. It would also include two County Councillors.

The Panel recognises that appointment to the Growth and Infrastructure Group is a Cabinet decision however Members have expressed a preference for the inclusion of the Chairman of the Development Management Panel (DMP), as well as a Member each from the Social Well-Being and Economic Well-Being Panels. As the Chairman of DMP is currently a Member of the Environmental Well-Being Panel it was not thought necessary to appoint an additional Member from the Panel. In addition Members expressed a preference for a Member who is not from the majority Conservative Group to be included onto the Growth and Infrastructure Group.

With regards to CIL funding towards the costs of the Huntingdon West Link Road Members acknowledged that the Council had made a commitment to fund the Link Road. Despite some concerns that all the CIL funding to date has been committed to a single infrastructure project, it was explained that as the CIL funding pot grows in the future there would be opportunities to prioritise the use of CIL funds towards other infrastructure projects (and that the body that would make such recommendations through the Panel to Cabinet would be the newly reformed Growth and Infrastructure Group). The majority of the Panel supported Cabinet in approving further investment in the Link Road.