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Hythe & Romney Marsh  
Shepway District Council



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**To:** Councillor David Monk, Leader of the Council  
**Date:** 26 November 2015  
**Status:** Non-key decision  
**Corporate Director:** Susan Priest - Strategic Development

**SUBJECT:** **JUNCTION 11 – ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP**

**SUMMARY:** This report provides background for the Executive Decision by the Leader of the Council (decision number 15/047) to establish a working group to support officers in taking forward work associated with development opportunities presenting themselves in and around Junction 11 of the M20.

## **1. BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 Shepway District Council's Cabinet resolved to make budget available, "to fund an economic development study in the vicinity of Junction 11 of the M20."
- 1.2 Since then a significant amount of work has been undertaken by SDC, and more recently Highways England (HE) and the Department for Transport (DfT) have explored the potential for a lorry holding area as part of the potential long term solution to Operation Stack. In addition HE is reviewing the effectiveness and longer term proposals for the operation of Dover TAP (Transport Access Protocol).
- 1.3 This report proposes that a member-led working group is established to provide the necessary oversight and support to officers in continuing to work with a range of partners and in progressing detailed work underpinning development proposals in and around this area of the district.

## **2 WORKING GROUP**

- 2.1 Due to the profile, complexity and scale of potential development in and around Junction 11 of the M20, the creation of a dedicated working group is proposed to support officers in the development of plans coming forward from public sector partners and the private sector.

- 2.2 The Working Group will make recommendations and be accountable to Cabinet, reporting as appropriate until such time that formal decisions are made by the appropriate body on the proposed nature, scale and scope of developments in and around this area.
- 2.3 Membership will be through nomination by the Leader which will be reviewed periodically. Membership shall include:
- Councillor Susan Carey
  - Councillor Jenny Hollingsbee
  - Councillor Rory Love
  - Councillor Malcolm Dearden
  - Councillor David Godfrey
  - Councillor David Monk
- 2.4 It is the intention that the working group papers, including agendas and minutes will be published wherever possible.

### **3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 3.1 The proposed terms of reference for the working group are as follows:
1. To provide strategic oversight across a range of development issues affecting the district considered part of the Junction 11 project;
  2. Provide a co-ordinated member view to shape and influence SDC responses to partner organisations and to elements of projects as they emerge and develop;
  3. To act as an informal body in challenging officers to ensure that high quality outcomes are secured in delivering the corporate agenda;
  4. To provide a link between the Council's key corporate documents (e.g. Core Strategy Local Plan, Places and Policies Local Plan, Corporate Plan & Economic Development Strategy) and developments proposed in the area; and
  5. To take into account the legal, financial and risk implications of development proposals, drawing on relevant officers and specialist input as needed.
- 3.2 The Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the Leader in 12 months time.
- 3.3 The Leader of the Council, Councillor David Monk, will be the Chairman of the Working Group.
- 3.4 The Group will meet quarterly or as determined by the Corporate Director, Strategic Development, in consultation with the Chairman.

### **4. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 4.1 None.

## **5. FINANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 Any costs associated with the work of the group will be picked up in day to day services of the Council.