

## Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet that was held remotely on Friday 26 March 2021

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### Present:

Councillor	Cabinet Member Responsibility
Councillor D Finch	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
Councillor T Ball	Economic Development
Councillor S Barker	Customer, Communities, Culture and Corporate
Councillor K Bentley	Deputy Leader and Infrastructure
Councillor R Gooding	Education and Skills
Councillor D Madden	Performance, Business Planning and Partnerships
Councillor L McKinlay	Children and Families
Councillor S Walsh	Environment and Climate Change Action
Councillor C Whitbread	Finance

Councillors Souter, Garnett, Moran, Mackrory, Johnson, Mitchell, Reeves, Hardware, Durham, Goggin, Wagland and Grundy were also present.

### 1. **Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest.**

The report of Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the following were noted:

1. There had been no changes to membership since the last meeting of Cabinet.
2. Apologies were received from Councillor Spence, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care and Councillor Henderson.
3. There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. **Questions from the public**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### 3. **Harlow Gilston Garden Town - Decision on Acceptance of Housing Infrastructure Grant Funding (FP/648/03/20)**

The Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to enter into an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) under which ECC would deliver infrastructure works in Essex funded through a Housing Infrastructure Grant (HIG) paid to HCC by Homes England.

The Leader of the Council responded to a question from Councillor Mackrory in relation to seeking early engagement with stakeholders in matters such as site access and the infrastructure required to deliver this.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure spoke to the benefits of the scheme and in acknowledgement to the hard work and commitment of colleagues and officers in developing the agreement.

**Resolved:**

1. To enter a Back to Back agreement with Hertfordshire County Council for £42.1m of funding to deliver the Project.
2. That a further report should be brought to the Leader to agree ECC's role in the management of the Gilston Villages project and the management of the proposed section 106 agreement, ahead of the outline planning application being considered by East Herts District Council in June.

4. **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place online at 10am on Tuesday 20 April 2021.

5. **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

6. **Urgent Exempt Business**

There was no urgent exempt business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.09pm.