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## Joint Strategic Plan

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### South West Hertfordshire Joint Strategic Plan Strategic Planning Members Group

10am, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

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### NOTES OF MEETING

#### Attendees

Cllr Chris White	St Albans City & District Council (Chair)
Cllr Stephen Johnson	Watford Borough Council
Cllr Alan Anderson	Dacorum Borough Council
Cllr Matthew Bedford	Three Rivers District Council
Cllr Harvey Cohen	Hertsmere Borough Council
Cllr Stephen Boulton	Hertfordshire County Council
Peter Geraghty (PG)	Hertsmere Borough Council
Gerard Woods (GW)	Hertsmere Borough Council
Chris Briggs (CB)	St Albans City & District Council
Jack Green (JG)	Watford Borough Council
Colin Haigh (CH)	Hertfordshire County Council
Chris Outtersides (CO)	South West Herts JSP Programme
Laura Wood (LW)	South West Herts JSP Programme
Marko Kalik (MK)	South West Herts JSP Programme

Item	Notes & Actions	Action Owner
1	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>  Apologies were noted from Claire Hamilton (DBC), James Doe (DBC), and Ross Wear (HBC).	
2	<b>Draft Regulation 18 Document</b>  <u>Draft Plan</u>  LW presented the draft Regulation 18 document pointing out the changes that had made following on from the one-to-one Councillor briefings that had taken place prior to the meeting.	

Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the reference to towns in the Foreword should be replaced with the Districts and Boroughs.

Members were happy with all the other changes.

**Following further discussion, the SPMG UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend the Regulation 18 consultation document to their respective committee(s) across the partner authorities as per the below approval programme:**

Councils' approval programme

<b>MAY</b>	
<b>TBC</b>	WBC Leadership team meeting
31 <sup>st</sup>	TRDC CMT meeting
<b>JUNE</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	TRDC JLT and Policy and Resources Committee
14 <sup>th</sup>	SADC Local Plan Advisory Group ( <b>TBC</b> )
23 <sup>rd</sup>	SADC Policy Committee
28 <sup>th</sup>	HCC Growth and Planning Panel meeting
<b>TBC</b>	Dacorum SLT
<b>JULY</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	WBC Cabinet
6 <sup>th</sup>	DBC Scrutiny Committee
7 <sup>th</sup>	HBC Executive
12 <sup>th</sup>	TRDC Full Council
12 <sup>th</sup>	DBC Cabinet
20 <sup>th</sup>	DBC Full Council
21 <sup>st</sup>	HBC Full Council

CO confirmed that the approvals reports had been added to all the authorities' forward plans. He also informed the group that the Regulation 18 would be accompanied by the SA Scoping Report as well as the SCI. This will result in two separate reports, one for the Regulation 18 and SA Scoping and another for the SCI adoption. LW confirmed that the JSP team has prepared the reports, shared with officers, and will be attending all the committee meetings.

Climate resilience update

MK informed the group that the University of Hertfordshire had been commissioned to do a piece of evidence base work relating to climate resilience. Initially a policy audit was undertaken looking both at local policies and strategies as well as the direction of travel of national policies. Both planning policies and sustainability and/or climate change strategies were considered. In support of this work interviews are being held with relevant Officers and Members. All the Officer interviews and some Member interviews have been concluded and MK will contact the remaining Members to see whether they are able to participate.

**ACTIONS:**

- **MK to contact Members regarding participation in climate resilience interviews**

**MK**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Regulation 18 consultation document to proceed to Council committee(s) in accordance with the agreed programme</b></li> </ul>	<b>CO</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Communications, Engagement &amp; Branding</b></p> <p><u>Communications &amp; Engagement Plan</u></p> <p>CO introduced the item noting that Iceni were currently refreshing the Communications &amp; Engagement Plan to support the Regulation 18 consultation. CO advised that the updated plan will be reviewed by the partner authorities' communications teams before being discussed by the SG at their next meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><u>JSP comms resource update</u></p> <p>CO confirmed that a communications officer had been recruited temporarily from HBC on a part time consultancy basis, working one and a half days a week on the JSP, initially until the end of September.</p> <p><u>PropTech project</u></p> <p>CO introduced the item noting that £125,000 had been received from government to undertake a targeted digital and social media consultation alongside the wider Regulation 18 consultation. This would be similar to the 'Your Future' consultation conducted in 2020. Iceni and Built ID will be assisting with this work as they did last time, however this time the poll will be integrated into the JSP website and linked to the broader R18 engagement. The focus will be on social media helping promote the Issues and Options document and asking some simplified questions through a 'poll' that works quickly and effectively on social media platforms.</p> <p>MK added that a Youth Forum had been set up to help inform the consultation, advising on the best approach to engaging younger demographics. It is made up of 18 to 26 year olds and they will help formulate the quick-fire consultation questions and help us choose which social media platforms to use. The inaugural meeting is set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> May.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson queried whether 17 year olds could join the Youth Forum. He had been impressed by the presentations by school pupils at the Kings Langley parish meeting he had attended. CO was unsure whether there were any issues with safeguarding so this will need to be checked.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CO to check whether any safeguarding issues for under eighteens joining the Youth Forum</b></li> <li><b>Cllr Anderson to provide contact details for Kings Langley School</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>CO</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Anderson</b></p>

4	<p><b>Standing Items</b></p> <p><u>JSP Strategic Programme</u></p> <p>CO confirmed that the JSP's programme was currently being reviewed by the JSP team and would be discussed with the Steering Group over the summer.</p> <p><u>JSP Budget</u></p> <p>CO updated the group on the budget position stating that with the partner authorities' £40,000 annual contributions there are sufficient funds to cover the evidence work required to reach the next phase of Regulation 18 consultation.</p> <p><u>JSP Risk Register</u></p> <p>CO informed Members of changes made to the Risk Register. The risks relating to moving to the next phase of the JSPs preparation (the second R18 stage) had been changed to red. The main reason for this was due to the risk of Local Plan spatial strategies not being ready before work is due to begin on the JSP spatial strategy.</p> <p>CO noted that this had been discussed at SG and would be discussed further over the summer with referral back to SPMG for their consideration towards the end of the summer.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson questioned whether the risk could be seen as an opportunity, with the JSP timescale being brought forward, potentially speeding up the delivery of infrastructure.</p> <p>CO responded by confirming that he will discuss this further with the SG over the summer.</p> <p><b>Following further discussion, the SPMG UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the JSP Budget and Risk Register.</b></p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO to update JSP Strategic Programme following discussion at SG.</li> <li>• Programme a SPMG meeting for late summer 2022 to discuss the ongoing JSP programme</li> </ul>	<p>CO/SG</p> <p>CO</p>
5	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>None</p>	<p>CO</p>