

## Response to the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy

### **Summary**

The Mayor of London is currently consulting on a Transport Strategy for London. The consultation includes a proposed South Western/Surrey growth corridor. This proposed corridor could have implications for Surrey Heath in respect of meeting unmet housing need from London.

The consultation runs until the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Portfolio:** Regulatory

**Date Portfolio Holder signed off report:** 18th August 2017

**Wards Affected:** All

### **Recommendation**

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE to

- (i) note the publication of the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy; and
- (ii) agree the response set out in Annex A of this report.

### **1. Resource Implications**

- 1.1 There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2017/18.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The Mayor of London is currently consulting on a Transport Strategy for London. This Strategy takes into account future transport improvements, including Cross Rail 2. The Transport Strategy proposes a South Western/Surrey Corridor as a possible growth corridor. The Mayor of London is looking for willing partners to take any unmet housing need growth from London. A new London Plan is currently being produced and the Transport Strategy will play an important role in how the Capital sees its future housing need being met.
- 2.2 At the recent Examination in Public on the Waverley Local Plan the Inspector raised the issues of meeting London's housing need and whether this had been considered in the Plan's housing numbers.
- 2.3 Officers have considered the documents from a Surrey Heath perspective and identified the following key points of objection:
  - The Mayor of London has not yet demonstrated that London's housing need cannot be met within the London Borough's or through a review of the Green Belt around the Boroughs within the Greater London Authority area. The proposals in the Transport Strategy make a

presumption that the need cannot be met and as such could prejudice the approach that should be taken in the London Plan for London; that is to meet its own need within the London Boroughs. The approach set out in the Transport Strategy makes an assumption that any unmet need will be met in the wider South East. It is the London Plan which should seek to allocate the housing requirements and to determine whether a Green Belt review around the boundaries of the boroughs within the Greater London Authority area is required, rather than through the Transport Strategy.

- Surrey Heath, and a number of other Local Authorities in the Surrey, have environmental constraints, such as Special Protection Areas, Green Belt and land availability constraints which will impact on these authorities ability to meet their own identified housing need and this will need to be recognised in the London Plan.
- An objection is raised in respect of the impact of the proposed South Western/Surrey Growth Corridor on existing infrastructure. The approach is primarily based on the development of Cross Rail 2; however this will not be delivered for a number of years. Identification of a Growth Corridor will put pressure on Local Authorities along that corridor to take growth without the necessary strategic and local infrastructure being in place. The Mayor, through the London Plan will need to set out how infrastructure will be delivered, and paid for.

### **3. Options**

3.1 The Executive has the following options:

- a) AGREE the response to the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy
- b) AGREE the response to the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy with modifications; or
- c) NOT AGREE the response to the to the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy

### **4. Proposals**

4.1 Members agree the response to Mayor of London in respect of the transport Strategy for London (set out in Annex A).

### **5. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities**

5.1 Underpins Objective 1 of the Corporate Plan - *Making Surrey Heath an even better place where people are happy to live* by monitoring the vision and spatial planning objectives of surrounding authorities and ensuring that Surrey Heath's interests are fully considered.

### **6. Policy Framework**

6.1 The consultation process Surrey Heath is responding to is part of the process of preparing the London Plan. The London Plan will set out the spatial policies to guide the future direction of development of London.

## 7. Other matters

7.1 In relation to governance, sustainability, risk management, equalities impact, human rights, community safety, consultation, PR and Marketing there are no matters arising from this consultation by a neighbouring authority.

<b>Annexes</b>	Annex A - Letter to the Mayor of London
<b>Background Papers</b>	Link to the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy <a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/how-we-work/planning-for-the-future/the-mayors-transport-strategy">https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/how-we-work/planning-for-the-future/the-mayors-transport-strategy</a>
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## Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

<b>Resources</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Consulted</b>
Revenue	✓	✓
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
<b>Other Issues</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Consulted</b>
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	✓
Policy Framework	✓	✓
Legal		
Governance		
Sustainability		
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment		
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation		
P R & Marketing		