

## **Report to Council – 13 October 2020**

## **Report of Cabinet – 5 October 2020**

Cabinet met on 5 October 2020. The minutes are published on the council's website.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Present: Mayor Taylor (Chair)  
Councillor Collett (Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Community)  
Councillor S Johnson (Portfolio Holder for Property and Housing)  
Councillor Sharpe (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development)  
Councillor Watkin (Portfolio Holder for Resources and Customer Service)  
Councillor Williams (Portfolio Holder for Client Services)

Also present: Councillor Bell, Labour Group Leader  
Councillor Ezeifedi

Officers: Managing Director  
Interim Director of Finance  
Group Head of Democracy and Governance  
Executive Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications  
Mayor's Political Assistant  
Democratic Services Manager

The following included recommendations to Council.

### **38. Joint Committee for the Herts Growth Board**

Cabinet received a report of the Group Head of Democracy and Governance requesting Council approval for agreement to the setting up of a formal Joint Committee and Scrutiny Committee to manage and oversee the work of the Herts Growth Board. The report was being presented to all 10 district councils and the county council for approval.

The Mayor introduced the report and explained that it was essential to have the appropriate structures in place. He acknowledged the significant amount of collaboration between all councils within Hertfordshire at both district and county level.

The Group Head of Democracy and Governance set out the arrangements for the joint committee and joint scrutiny committee which were covered in the appendix to the report. The committees would also include a co-opted member from the Local Enterprise partnership. The report would be forwarded for final endorsement at Council on 13 October and would include the appointment to the scrutiny committee.

RESOLVED –

that Cabinet recommends to Council:

1. that it agrees to the establishment of the Growth Board and Growth Board Scrutiny Joint Committees (to hold their inaugural meetings in December 2020 and then HGB Scrutiny February 2021) for the Hertfordshire Growth Board and that the Council becomes a member of both.
2. that the Council adopts the Growth Board Integrated Governance Framework into its own constitutional framework.
3. that it nominates a member and substitute member as its representative to the Scrutiny Committee. (Nominees must not be members of the Executive).
4. that it notes that the Elected Mayor is nominated as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee and that the Elected Mayor has delegated authority to nominate a substitute representative as required.
5. that Cabinet nominates the Elected Mayor as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee and that he be entitled to nominate a substitute from other members of the executive to attend meetings in his absence.