

## **Agenda item 6**

### **Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

### **Single Spatial Strategy**

#### **1 Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' agreement to progress a Single Spatial Strategy ('SSS')

#### **Recommendation to Committee**

- a. That the report be noted**
- b. That the recommendations in the attached report be agreed**
- c. That Members' agree how they wish to progress to an interim SSS and**
- d. That constituent authorities seek endorsement of the recommendations through their own decision making processes**

#### **2 Report**

- 2.1 Members will recall that at their last meeting in March it was agreed to draw up a full briefing on the options for a Coventry and Warwickshire SSS and to report back to the next meeting.
- 2.2 Members will recall that Turley, a firm of planning consultants, had been commissioned by the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership to report into the options for a SSS. This work has been revisited with Local Planning Authority input and the revised report is attached as Appendix 1. Planning Officers from constituent authorities have been sent a copy of the report and their comments have been considered in the final draft by Turley.
- 2.3 The report sets out the business case for progressing a SSS and a route map for the necessary work.
- 2.4 The report makes the following points clear:
- That the current, overriding priority is for Local Planning Authorities to pursue adoption or revisions to the Local Plans and related documents.
  - That Local Planning Authorities will retain their sovereignty over local plan making and will have a veto regarding the production of a SSS

- 2.5 The report suggests that there are material advantages in moving to a SSS, not least in aligning the timetable for production of local plans and related documents and the probability that a joint approach will result in cost savings.
- 2.6 Give the points made above in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 it is recommended that the approach set out in the Turley report be agreed, that Officers be authorised to progress this work and report back on progress to a future meeting of this Committee.

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