

## HAMPSHIRE 2050 – VISION FOR THE FUTURE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Hampshire County Council has recently established a Commission of Inquiry – Hampshire 2050, to help develop a vision for Hampshire up to 2050. It is planned that the Commission will engage with a variety of Hampshire stakeholders, consider a range of submitted evidence and develop proposals for the future shape of Hampshire across a number of strategic themes.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Board that an open consultation is currently underway as part of the Commission's programme, which invites comments on what may happen in the future for Hampshire, what the impact of this will be, and how the County Council may need to respond to this.

### 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

- 2.1 The Commission has been set up to examine some key themes that will affect everyday life over the next few decades. The remit will include economic, social and environmental outcomes and some of the key forces within these themes such as digital revolution, healthcare, climate change, changing work patterns and globalisation. The work will also explore national government plans and strategies from a Hampshire perspective. At the end of its inquiry, the Commission will make recommendations to 'guide and contribute to the future prosperity, quality of life, and protection and enhancement of the character and environment of Hampshire'. The outcomes will help shape longer-term policies and delivery of public services.
- 2.2 The Commission will be cross-party, and with representatives from outside of local government. It will meet at a series of evidence gathering hearings to look at each of the following strategic themes between July and December 2018, followed by some final sessions to consider the evidence as a whole. Evidence and views will be invited from experts, residents, communities and businesses.
- 2.3 The themes will be as follows:
  - **Demographic and societal changes:** including changing population and living patterns, and the impact in terms of health and social care, housing and employment
  - **Economy:** the future of the Hampshire economy in the context of Brexit, increasing globalisation and potential digital and automation revolutions

- **Work, Skills and Lifestyle:** future learning and working patterns, and the skills needed in a post digital future as well as the wider quality of life within Hampshire such as arts, leisure and culture
- **Environment and Quality of Place:** Hampshire's main economic asset – the impact of a changing climate, different patterns of living and working, and competing demands on countryside and farmland on environmental quality, character and quality of life in Hampshire
- **Mobile, Connectivity and Energy:** the transport impact of electric powered and autonomous vehicles, smart technology in homes and workplaces, communications technology, and future energy issues
- **Rural Hampshire:** how economic, social, technological and environmental changes are likely to affect rural communities and the potential for a rural renaissance

2.4 Although the consultation will be open until December 2018, comments should be submitted by the following dates in order to be considered at the appropriate session within the Commission of Inquiry process:

- Demographic and societal challenges – 29th June 2018
- Economy – 13th July 2018
- Work, skills and lifestyle – 24th August 2018
- Environment and quality of place – 12th October 2018
- Mobility, Connectivity and Energy – 23rd November 2018
- Rural Hampshire – 21st December 2018

2.5 There is an [online questionnaire](#) for the Hampshire Commission of Inquiry – Vision to 2050 to submit views and comments, and further information on the [Hampshire 2050 website](#).

The survey questions for each theme are:

1. What do you think might happen in the future?
2. How will that effect/impact on what we do?
3. How will the County Council and Partners need to react in light of this?

2.6 Once the hearings have been completed, a full report on the findings of the Commission will be presented to Hampshire County Council in the summer of 2019 and made publicly available.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is invited to note that the Commission of Inquiry – Vision for Hampshire 2050 is underway, and that consultation feedback is invited from residents and communities. The Board may wish to consider whether to submit a co-ordinated response on any of the strategic themes.

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