

**From:** Mark Dance, Cabinet Member for Economic Development  
Barbara Cooper, Corporate Director, Growth, Environment and Transport

**To:** Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee  
- 26 June 2019

**Subject:** Members' Recent Visit to Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC)

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Past Pathway of Paper:** None

**Future Pathway of Paper:** None

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** This report is in two parts. It summarises the outcomes of the recent visit by KCC Members to Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and outlines the programme of future visits to other Kent districts in 2019.

**Recommendation:** The Cabinet Committee is asked to receive and endorse the report.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the November 2017 meeting of this Cabinet Committee, Members agreed that officers arrange a programme of informal visits to Kent districts. The objective was to provide an opportunity for Cabinet Committee Members to gain an understanding of the economic development and regeneration opportunities and challenges within each of the Kent districts.
- 1.2 This report summarises the main outcomes of Members' visit to Ebbsfleet on 10 May 2019.

## 2. Visit to Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC)

2.1 The visit to the EDC on 10th May was arranged with the full support of senior officers of the Corporation who provided a briefing about the economic development and regeneration opportunities and challenges for the Ebbsfleet Garden City which are listed below:

- Development around Ebbsfleet Station
- Castle Hill and Ebbsfleet Green housing areas
- Ambition to see the extension of Crossrail to Ebbsfleet
- Future of the London Resorts Companies Holdings proposals for the London Resort
- Capacity at A2 Bean junction and access to river frontage on the Thames
- High level of affordable homes - projected to be 30%
- Stewardship of public assets
- Delivery of community facilities including schools
- Healthy New Towns programme

The highlights of the visit are detailed more fully in Appendix 1 to this report. The Healthy New Towns presentation is attached as Appendix 2.

These issues will be followed up by Officers as appropriate and with the relevant organisations.

### 3. Programme of Further Visits

3.1 Further Member visits to Kent districts are being arranged in collaboration with district and borough officers. The format for each visit involves a day-long tour of the principal economic development and infrastructure developments within each district.

3.2 The indicative visit programme for 2019 is:

Folkestone & Hythe	14 June
Tunbridge Wells	12 July
Thanet	6 September
Ashford	11 October

3.3 The visit to Folkestone & Hythe District Council on 14 June will be reported at the September meeting of the GEDCCC. It will cover sites at:

- Folkestone Town Centre and the Creative Quarter
- Folkestone Harbour and the Harbour Arm
- Mountfield Road, New Romney
- Otterpool Park, Cheriton Park and Biggins Wood

3.4 The itinerary for the subsequent visit to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has yet to be finalised with district council colleagues, but it is anticipated it will include developments in the town centre.

Further visits are being planned for the remaining districts.

3.5 As agreed by the Committee, should places be available, invitations will be extended to the Chair and Members of the Environment & Transportation Cabinet Committee.

### 4. Financial Implications

4.1 The cost of coach hire is approximately £350 per visit.

### 5. Recommendation

**Recommendation:** The Cabinet Committee is asked to receive and endorse the report.

### 6. Contact details

Report Author

**Rob Hancock**

Programme Manager

03000 417 087

[rob.hancock@kent.gov.uk](mailto:rob.hancock@kent.gov.uk)

Relevant Director:

**David Smith**

Director of Economic Development

03000 417 176

[david.smith2@kent.gov.uk](mailto:david.smith2@kent.gov.uk)