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Dear Leader and Deputy Leader

H2050 Vision Revalidation and Mid-Term Review of Hampshire County Council's Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan

I am writing on behalf of the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee, who yesterday had the opportunity to scrutinise the H2050 Vision Revalidation and mid-term review of Hampshire County Council's Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan report. The Select Committee welcomed the opportunity to scrutinise this report and noted their thanks to Officers on the clarity and thoroughness of the work undertaken.

The Select Committee had a detailed and rich discussion on the papers before us, and I am writing to you to ensure that Cabinet are appraised of significant elements of the Select Committee discussion in advance of your decision on the report.

Key areas of discussion included:

i) A desire to see a greater emphasis on certain themes:

It was noted that the original Commission and associated Hampshire 2050 Vision was a comprehensively researched, well considered piece of work which well reflects the significant issues which will influence the future of the region. However, Select Committee Members considered that through the revalidation phase, greater emphasis could have been given to two key areas: Firstly, public health and wellbeing – noting that the health and wellbeing of our society fundamentally linked with our economy, our climate and our environment and, secondly, the opportunity gap – noting that the inclusion of this terminology may help to better understand and address the systemic factors which ultimately affect the lives of our residents.

Officers welcomed this feedback and committed to ensure that the significance of these areas is properly recognised through the delivery of the H2050 recommendations.

ii) Involvement and future role of the Partnership:

Debate was had about the process which had been followed and the future role of the Partnership. It was noted that the original Commissioners were 15 individuals selected to

hear evidence and produce a report on their findings, that this work was time-bound and when this work was completed the baton was handed to the H2050 Partnership – a group of around 25 organisations with the mandate and the ability to drive the delivery of these recommendations.

It was noted that the work performed and presented by Officers was conducted within Hampshire County Council and not as a wider exercise with the Partnership at this stage. Officers explained that this was purposefully an internally facing piece of work for the County Council to talk to itself in the first instance, in order to maximise the value of wider planned Partner conversations. Members of the Committee were reassured that this Partner engagement exercise is valued and is detailed in the timeline for the Autumn.

The Select Committee understood the process undertaken and welcomed the commitment to engage with all Partners, noting that the ambition can only be realised by all Partners continuing to work together.

iii) Constraints placed on ambition by factors outside of our control:

Linked to point ii) above was a discussion around the constraints placed on our collective ambition by factors which are outside of our control. Examples were given of legislative constraints or policy issues which are within the responsibility of national government.

In view of this concern, the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee has unanimously agreed that a fifth recommendation should be added to the Cabinet report:

e) That Hampshire County Council approaches Government relating to constraints which may need to be overcome to achieve our vision.

On behalf of the Hampshire 2050, Corporate Services and Resources Select Committee, I would like to thank Cabinet for their consideration of the matters raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Committee**