

CABINET

19th March 2019

PROGRESS UPDATE ON ST GEORGE'S BARRACKS

Report of the Chief Executive

Strategic Aim:	All	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP19/0718	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr O Hemsley, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Rutland One Public Estate & Growth, Tourism & Economic Development, Resources (other than Finance)	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet notes the progress update in respect of the St George's Barracks Project.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with a progress report on the St George's Barracks project further to the report of March 2018.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The St George's Barracks project is a significant project for the County Council and the County as a whole. This report provides a summary of progress to date. It includes updates on:

- Housing Infrastructure Fund
- Master planning and viability
- The St George's Advisory Group
- The Officers' Mess project

- The Government's Garden Community Programme
- Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Fund

3 HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

- 3.1 Work on the HIF submission is now complete and the business case has been submitted. We do not anticipate hearing the outcome of the submission until May 2019 at the earliest. At that point (if successful) we expect that there will be significant work required to review any associated conditions and it is therefore difficult to say when a recommendation will be put before Council for consideration of acceptance of the grant.

4 MASTER PLANNING AND VIABILITY

- 4.1 Work on the Evolving Masterplan will continue during 2019. This is expected to include further work on:
- Design and layout
 - Highways and transport infrastructure
- 4.2 The Advisory Group has been asked to contribute to this further work and an outline of the work involved is being prepared.
- 4.3 The work will be more comprehensive if we are successful in obtaining Garden Communities funding. This work will allow us to continue to influence the outcome at the site.
- 4.4 Cabinet are aware of the recent announcement by the MoD that the Army vacation of St George's will be a year later than originally anticipated. This will not impact on the overall plans for the project.

5 ST GEORGE'S ADVISORY GROUP

- 5.1 Meetings continue – the last meeting took place on 27th February. Minutes will be available at <https://www.stgeorgesrutland.co.uk/st-georges-advisory-group/> by the date of the Cabinet meeting.

6 THE OFFICERS MESS PROJECT

- 6.1 Work on the Officers' Mess site is continuing. The work is taking longer than originally anticipated but discussions are on-going with the MOD.

7 THE GARDEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

- 7.1 At its meeting of 18th September 2018 Cabinet approved the submission of an Expression of Interest in the Garden Communities programme.

- 7.2 This bid has now been submitted. It was supported by the St George's Project Board who had an opportunity to review the submission and the Advisory Board have been briefed.

The bid to join the programme and for revenue support totalling £400k focusses on:

- Support for exemplar design
- Dedicated planning support
- Support to explore a Dementia Friendly community
- Additional support for the Advisory Board
- Specialist Legal advice

- 7.3 We anticipate hearing if the bid has been successful in Spring 2019.

8 GREATER CAMBRIDGESHIRE GREATER PETERBOROUGH LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GCGPLEP) – GROWTH FUND

- 8.1 At its meeting of 16th October 2018 Cabinet supported the submission of an expression of interest to the GCGP Growth Fund. An Expression of Interest was made on behalf of the St George's project. Meetings are now planned with the Cambridgeshire / Peterborough Combined Authority to look at next steps.

- 8.2 The bid focusses on support for the creation of the business zone at the site.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Non-statutory consultation in relation to the High Level Master Plan for St George's has now finished. The analysis of the responses and all of the responses have been shared and are available on our web site. These responses will be considered as part of the work towards completing the Local Plan.

- 9.2 The St George's Advisory Group will also support on-going engagement with Parish Councils and the sub group work on the Officers' Mess.

- 9.3 There is significant engagement on-going with the local business community, the education sector and a wider stakeholder group including utilities, neighbouring councils and developers.

10 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 10.1 This is a progress report so this element is not relevant to most of the report.

11 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

- 11.2 Expenditure to date on the St George's project has been fully funded (other than Officer time) by the One Public Estate Programme or contributions from the MOD.
- 11.3 The Officers' Mess report was the subject of Report 54/2018 to Cabinet on 20th March 2018 which identified in detail the financial implications.

12 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising directly from this report.

13 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 A data protection impact assessment has not been completed as there are no data protection implications.

14 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 14.1 Not relevant for a progress report.

15 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 None

16 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 16.1 None

17 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17.1 Progress on the project is in line with the programme.

18 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 18.1 None

19 APPENDICES

- 19.1 None

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