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Local Investment Planning – Additional Note for Agenda Item 3

The Local Investment Plan (LIP) approved by the Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership (SPIP) in March 2010 sets out the agreed future interventions in Oxfordshire. The HCA will use the Local Investment Plan for future business planning.

The Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership (SPIP) provides the forum for economic development, housing, transport, general infrastructure and spatial planning issues and therefore provides the appropriate body for the direction of HCA funding going forward.

The Local Investment Agreement (LIA) is a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the way in which the Oxfordshire Partnership and the HCA will work together to deliver the LIP. The LIA states that a comprehensive review will take place every 18 months.

The LIP is a 'live' document and must be flexible and robust in order to respond and evolve to changes in government funding and relevant policy. The purpose of this discussion note is to establish the mechanism and processes for making changes to the LIP, in particular the 17 priority projects where / if appropriate, outside of the 18 month review.

Current HCA funding will primarily be focused on the 17 priority projects within the LIP, with any additional funding being focused on the short term deliverable projects identified in the LIP.

Small scale schemes that have historically come forward through the National Affordable Housing Programme, have been captured in the LIP within the 'small and medium sites' assessment sheet for each district in the short term projects list. This will provide the strategic case within the LIP to bring these forward where funding is available.

The larger strategic projects, where HCA investment is required other than through the NAHP, will need to go through the HCA Gateway process. This is an internal business procedure required to progress projects that require capital expenditure and strategic asset disposal decisions.

Commitments for 2010/11 and beyond

The LIP not only sets out the priority schemes and themes, but sets out the prioritisation criteria and process. This is considered a robust process to allocate funding against under the current funding regime.

Dependant on the outcome of the CSR, and the crystallisation of programmes and direction, we may need to come back to the Board to agree next steps.

