



## Planning Policy Committee 26 January 2015

### Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party

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#### **Purpose of report**

This report seeks Member endorsement of the establishment of the Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party and Draft Terms of Reference

#### **Attachment(s)**

Appendix 1 Draft Terms of Reference

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#### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Policy 14 of the emerging Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy (expected to commence consultation in January 2015) highlights Deenethorpe Airfield as an “Area of Opportunity”. This aims to create an exemplar new ‘Garden Village’ including 1,000-1,250 homes and associated employment and community facilities etc. at Deenethorpe Airfield.
- 1.2 The airfield and its surroundings are in the single ownership of the Deene Estate (Brudenell family). The onus is upon them as the promoter and intended long term steward of the Deenethorpe Airfield proposal, to demonstrate satisfactorily through masterplanning how the scheme could be achieved.
- 1.3 Based on this policy, the site promoters will work with the local planning authority and relevant Parish Councils to prepare a masterplan for the new village, in consultation with local communities and other stakeholders.
- 1.4 The Working Party will consist of 4 East Northamptonshire Council Members, 2 Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council Members, 1 Benefield Parish Council Member and 1 Northamptonshire County Council Member. It is envisaged that other organisations and agencies, such as the Environment Agency, Northamptonshire County Council Transportation and Education, Corby Borough Council and Weldon Parish Council etc. will need to be involved in this project. However they will not form part of the Working Party itself.
- 1.5 The primary purpose of the Working Party is to oversee progress on the Deenethorpe Airfield masterplanning project, which will see the drawing up of a vision, framework and detailed masterplan.
- 1.6 If the masterplan demonstrates to the satisfaction of the local planning authority that the criteria and standards set out in Policy 14 can be met in a viable development, it will be used as the basis for either a Part 2 Local Plan, other site specific development plan document or a Supplementary Planning Document to be adopted by East Northamptonshire Council.

#### **2.0 Conclusion**

- 2.1 Members are presented with details of the Working Party and Terms of Reference for consideration and endorsement.

### 3.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### 4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications arising from the creation of the proposed working party as both the adoption of the proposed masterplan as part of the local planning framework and the determination of any subsequent planning applications will be carried out in accordance with the appropriate legislation

### 5.0 Risk Management

5.1 The project requires the Working Party's support and involvement, and also involvement from other key stakeholders and the wider community during the process. Commitment and support might prove to be an issue, depending upon what is proposed and this may lead to delays in project timescales (which have yet to be set/agreed). Officers will be prioritising work on the preparation of the Local Plan (i.e. Core Strategy and Four Towns Plan), therefore this might result in some delays to this project.

### 6.0 Resource and Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. However, officer time will be required to administer this Working Party and to carry out any relevant work associated with this project.

### 7.0 Constitutional Implications

7.1 None

### 8.0 Corporate Outcomes

8.1 The relevant Corporate Outcomes are:

- Good quality of life – Regeneration and Economic Development, Sustainable Development, High quality built environment
- Effective partnership working
- Strong community leadership
- Knowledge of our customers and communities

### 9.0 Recommendation

9.1 Members endorse the establishment of the Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party and draft Terms of Reference.

*(Reason – to enable progress to be made on masterplanning)*

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); Localism Act 2011.				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b>					
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# **East Northamptonshire Council**

## **Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party**

# **Draft Terms of Reference**

## **1 Name**

- 1.1 The name of the Working Party is the Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party.

## **2 Purpose**

- 2.1 The Working Party will shape the proposals for the development of the Deenethorpe Airfield area. It is a collaborative partnership working for the benefit of existing communities and the surrounding area, by:

- agreeing the key outcomes and project plan
- ensuring the masterplan and delivery strategy meet the policy requirements
- shaping the broad areas for planning consent
- agreeing consultation and communication for the project

within the framework set by the Local Plan.

- 2.2 The Working Party will be Member led but will include key officers tasked with providing information and liaison with interested parties. The Working Party will ensure that the project defines and achieves key outcomes relating to the development area and wider impacts on the surrounding area. It will provide a forum for discussion with developers of key elements of the project, including viability.
- 2.3 The Working Party will monitor performance and delivery against the agreed project plan and targets and will determine the steps necessary to achieve the targets. It will decide on any changes to the programme or timetable which appear to it to be desirable or necessary to ensure delivery.
- 2.4 The Working Party has no statutory role and is not able to agree planning policy, planning permission or support any particular applications.

## **3 Membership**

- 3.1 The Working Party will comprise:-

### **East Northamptonshire Council**

- **4 nominees** (Roger Glithero, Phillip Stearn, Jake Vowles, Steven North)  
*Note : David Brackenbury (Chair of Planning Policy Committee to act as reserve)*

### **Deene and Deenethorpe Parish Council (2 Nominees)**

### **Benfield Parish Council (1 Nominee)**

### **Northamptonshire County Council (1 Nominee)**

**Principal Officers advising the Working Party will be:**

- For East Northamptonshire Council
  - Head of Planning Services – D Reed
  - Planning Policy and Conservation Manager – K Britton
- For North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
  - Head of JPU - Andrew Longley

3.2 The Working Party will be serviced by East Northamptonshire Council.

3.3 The Working Party will invite individuals or representatives of other organisations, consultants, contractors and advisers to attend a particular meeting when an item of relevance to them is to be discussed or where particular specialist input is needed.

**4 Meetings**

4.1 Working Party meetings will take place when required. The business of the meeting shall be set out in an agenda and notified to members of the Group five days in advance of the date of the meeting. At least 50% of the Working Party will need to be present for the meeting to be quorate.

4.2 The Working Party will be chaired by one of the District Councillors, as agreed between them. The Deputy Chair will be elected by the Working Party.

4.3 Items for inclusion on the agenda will be agreed with the Chair and should be submitted for consideration at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

4.4 The minutes of the previous meeting shall be submitted for agreement at the start of every meeting.

**5 Members' Responsibilities**

5.1 Councillors and officers must declare at the start of any meeting an interest in any matter for discussion in which they have a personal interest or involvement.

**6 Voting**

6.1 The Working Party will work towards securing mutual agreement on all aspects of the project, but should a vote be necessary each Councillor will have a single vote and decisions will be made on the show of hands. In the event of a tie in the number of votes, the Chair will have a second, or casting, vote.

**7 Variation of the Terms of Reference**

7.1 These Terms of Reference may be altered by vote at Planning Policy Committee.

Agreed by Planning Policy Committee **TBC**