

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 15 October 2019



Subject: UK Innovation Corridor - Scrutiny of External Organisation

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

(1) That the Committee consider and agree the scope of its proposed external scrutiny with regard to the effect of the work being undertaken by the UK Innovation Corridor across the Epping Forest District.

Report:

1. Members will recall that the Committee has previously requested an opportunity to undertake appropriate external scrutiny of the effect of the work being undertaken by the UK Innovation Corridor (formerly the London-Stansted-Cambridge Consortium), to better understand the potential benefits for the Epping Forest District. This issue is included in the current work programme for the Committee.
2. Representatives of the UK Innovation Corridor have confirmed that they will be able to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 19 November 2020, in this regard.
3. In accordance with the procedure previously agreed by the Committee, Members are now asked to consider and agree the scope of such external scrutiny and appropriate lines of questioning for the representatives of the UK Innovation Corridor, in order that prior notice of the specific issues to be raised by the Committee can be provided, to ensure the maximum value is derived from this external scrutiny activity.
4. The identification of relevant lines of questioning to be raised with the UK Innovation Corridor will also be sought from Members through the Council Bulletin, nearer the time of the Committee's scrutiny activity.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its Overview and Scrutiny responsibilities. Although external organisations are not generally required by legislation to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is hoped that most would be willing to engage constructively with the Council's scrutiny activity when invited to do so.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the District.

Consultation Undertaken:

The proposed scrutiny of the UK Innovation Corridor is in the current work programme for the Committee.

Background Papers:

None.

Impact Assessments:***Risk Management***

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.