**Housing and Development Group (HDG)**

**(Working Group to SELEP)**

**6th June 2023**

1. **SELEP Update**

Alex Riley provided an update on the work of SELEP, noting that the SELEP Strategic Board will be making a decision on the future operating plan for the LEP in light of ongoing devolution discussions with local authorities.

1. **Terms of Reference**

Brian Horton presented an updated ToR to the group – this was unanimously approved.

1. **Homes England**

Shona Johnstone updated the group that Homes England have launched a new five year strategic plan. There is expected to be an announcement on the budget accompanying this plan shortly.

1. **Phosphates & Nitrates**

Shona stated that there is now a joint group that has been established with Natural England to work up viable solutions to address the nutrient neutrality issue with Rob Moore acting as lead for the agency.

1. **Lower Thames Crossing**

Bronte Clark stated that there was no further substantial updated from the two-year delay announced at the last meeting. The project is continuing with the DCO through the planning process and has just launched into examination period.

An action was noted for Nick Fenton, Liz Gibney and Bronte Clark to evidence the bigger picture and case for growth around the LTC at an upcoming Treasury roundtable.

1. **Planning**

Recruiting and staffing remains and ongoing issue with further political issues increasing as more local authorities are under no overall control.

1. **AOB**

No further business. Meeting closed.