

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO GENERAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2 December 2020

Question 1

Mr R Palgrave – How Caple

The Marches LEP update for this meeting includes the following statement about the Hereford City Centre Transport Package: "The aim of the project is to improve the provision of housing in the County, providing a more sustainable and pedestrian friendly city centre and supporting the delivery of long-term economic benefits and sustainable growth for Herefordshire. The project has so far delivered 803 jobs and 107 homes. Over the lifetime of the project it will deliver 800 homes, along with other economic outcomes for the city". Would the committee please ask for evidence that supports the claim that 803 jobs and 107 homes have been delivered so far.

Response

The Hereford City Centre Transport Package project led by Herefordshire Council and funded by the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) enabled the development of the new City Link road. This has already unlocked the growth of new jobs opportunities and housing development across the city centre by providing access to an area to the north of the inner ring road which was previously inaccessible. In accordance with the national government output guidance and the LEP funding contract for the project, Herefordshire Council has monitored and reported on the job opportunities that have been developed in new developments such as the Old Market shopping centre and the new homes that have been brought forward in the urban village area (for example in the five year housing land supply annual statement

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/16175/appendix_b_5_year_supply_april_18_updated_october_2018.pdf).

The City Link Road development will continue to enable the development of new job and housing opportunities.