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## Supplementary Cabinet Report: Delivering the West Sussex Plan 2017-22



# A PROSPEROUS PLACE



### Infrastructure that supports a successful economy

#### 26 Homes England – Northern Arc (Leader/Economy)

Homes England has acquired the Northern Arc site in Burgess Hill to help progress the development of over 3,000 homes. The Northern Arc is a key priority within the Mid Sussex Growth Deal, a partnership between the County Council and Mid Sussex District Council to deliver shared priorities and ambitions to promote economic growth in the area. The acquisition of the site by Homes England will allow the site to be progressed at pace and unlock the infrastructure requirements to allow housing development to begin. This is one of the first major sites to be acquired by Homes England as they take a more strategic approach to building homes and has been highlighted at national level by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government during a recent Policy Exchange speech on housing. The development will include two new primary schools, a secondary school and a range of leisure facilities, with outline planning due to be submitted to Mid Sussex District Council later this year. The County Council has growth deals set up across the county to bring local improvements for West Sussex residents, businesses and visitors and promote local economic growth.



### A great place to live, visit and work

#### 27 Taking forward the Grimsey Review locally (Leader/Economy)

The [Grimsey Review 2\\*](#) was launched at the recent Local Government Association Annual Conference which looks at the future of Britain's Town Centres. Developing town centres is a key part of the County Council's recently agreed [Economic Growth Plan 2018-23\\*](#) and the recommendations from the Review will

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complement this developing approach to West Sussex high streets. The County Council understands the need for high streets to move with the times and evolve from their retail focus to become 'community hubs' incorporating health, housing, arts, education, entertainment, leisure and business space, as well as shops. The County Council is planning to hold an event with local businesses, town centre partnerships and district and boroughs partners in the coming months to network and kick start new ideas based on the recommendations of the review, and to consider how these could be progressed in towns around the county. This will build on the success of the [West Sussex Growth Deals](#) and continue to help drive economic growth across the county.

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### **Background Papers**

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