

# **Council Meeting – 30 July 2019**

## **Report of Councillor Mike Rigby – Planning and Transportation**

### **Section 1 – Local Plan**

- 1.1 A new Local Development Scheme or project plan for our new Local Plan was adopted at Full Council on 16 July. Other related papers were also approved by the Council's Executive, comprising a draft Statement of Community Involvement (which sets out how we will consult on our new Plan - it is now out for public consultation) and for the establishment of a Member Working Group to steer the production of the Local Plan. We will now work up an Issues and Options document for public consultation in the autumn.

### **Section 2 - Taunton Garden Town**

- 2.1 Our Garden Town Vision goes to Executive on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July and then to this very Council meeting. This Plan sets a high level vision for the future for the Town and will be underpinned on a detailed delivery plan and supporting plans and strategies including a new Design Guide for new development across Somerset West and Taunton (but which is very important for the Garden Town as the principal focus for new development in the area).

### **Section 3 - Funding Bids**

- 3.1 Members may recall that the Council previously bid into the High Streets Fund. We were informed that our Expression of Interest has been successful in getting through the first round of bids (one of 50 areas nationally and only four in the south west – the others being Yeovil, Penzance and Swindon). Bids have also been submitted to the Heritage High Streets Fund which is centred on heritage and conservation assets, we bid for Wellington and Taunton town centres.

Councillor Mike Rigby