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TO: **MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PLAN  
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Dear Councillor

## **FOREST HEATH LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP - THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2016**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the Forest Heath Local Plan Working Group on Thursday 18 February 2016, the following report that was unavailable when the agenda was printed:

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>
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| 5. | <b><u>Core Strategy Single Issue Review (SIR) and Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP) - Breakdown of Consultants Costs (Pages 1 - 2)</u></b> |
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Report No: **LOP/FH/16/008 (TO FOLLOW)**

Copies of this report will also be made available at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Core Strategy Single Issue Review (SIR) and Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP) – External Costs</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LOP/FH/16/008</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Local Plan Working Group</b>	18 February 2016
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	Following on from a request made by Members at the meeting of the Local Plan Working Group on 19 January 2016, a Briefing Note has been produced which sets out the external costs which have been commissioned to inform the preparation of the Site Allocations and Care Strategy Issues and Options 'Regulation 18' consultations since 2014.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>It is recommended that Members note the Briefing Note.</b>	

**Briefing Note: Forest Heath Core Strategy Single Issue Review and Site Allocations Local Plan External Costs**

The table below lists the Local Plan external costs commissioned to inform the preparation of the Site Allocations and Core Strategy Issues and Options 'Regulation 18' consultations since 2014. The specialist skills and advice are necessary to inform and underpin the preparation of the Local Plans. It should be noted that while some documents are a single piece of evidence, some consultants will be retained and evidence will inform each stage of the Local Plan preparation process.

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>COST (as at 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Forest Heath Transport Strategy	£3,000	Joint commission with Suffolk County Council. Document in preparation. Further work required throughout Plan preparation.
Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (Scoping Report)	£31,942.83	Scoping Report (2014) complete Contract completed.
Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment	£22,451.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoping Report Review – Complete</li> <li>• Appraise Spatial Strategy and Alternative</li> <li>• Prepare two interim SA reports for consultation</li> <li>• Appraise alternative spatial strategies</li> <li>• Prepare interim SA report for consultation</li> </ul> Consultants retained for next stage in CSSIR and SALP process.
Objectively Assessed Need and Market Signals Report	£16,200	Contract completed
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Water Cycle Study	£31,200	Document in preparation.
Wildlife Audit of SALP sites	£29,050.00	Contract completed
Conceptual layout and design plans	£3,000	Contract completed. Possible further work required to inform the final Site Allocations Local Plan.

NOTE: All payments to suppliers over £250 is in the public domain and can viewed via the following link <http://data.westsuffolk.gov.uk/View/finance/fhdc-payments-to-suppliers>