

## Report of the Chief Executive

**GARDEN COMMUNITIES BID**1. Purpose of report

To obtain approval to provide £10,000 for consultancy support for a joint bid from Broxtowe Borough Council and the Chetwynd (Toton and Chilwell) Neighbourhood Forum in an effort to secure additional government funding to assist in addressing infrastructure issues relating to housing delivery at the Chetwynd Barracks site. The Government's prospectus is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Background

The government published the prospectus in August 2018 and the deadline for bids is 9 November 2018. Jobs and Economy Committee approved the submission version of the Part 2 Local Plan which following discussions with the Neighbourhood Forum has sought to include the emerging expectations of the local community in the allocation. This identifies the delivery of 500 homes during the plan period (to 2028) but recognises that subject to addressing various infrastructure, place shaping and amenity issues, the site has capacity for 1,500 homes. The bidding process allows for bids on sites for 1,500 homes or more and if successful the bid could be used for the provision of highways and green infrastructure and also further necessary investigations regarding potential contamination given the military history of the site. It would also assist in achieving earlier delivery of housing than would otherwise be the case. With the Local Plan examination and other priorities there is not capacity within the Planning and Economic Development teams to give the detailed attention to this bid within the timescales.

3. Financial implications

There is currently no budget for the £10,000 requested, but this is intended to increase the likelihood of a successful bid, and although the details of this have not been established the request is likely to exceed £1,000,000 and could be considerably more depending on the further work that this request for £10,000 would enable.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the request for £10,000 to be used to support a bid as outlined in the report, be approved.**

Background papers

Nil