

## Report of the Chief Executive

**HS2 UPDATE**1. Purpose of report

To update members on progress with HS2.

2. Detail

In February 2020, following the publication of the Oakervee Review, the Government confirmed that HS2 would be delivered in full.

The Oakervee review concluded that for Phase 2b of HS2 (the route from Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds) a Y-shaped network was the correct approach. However, the review also concluded that Phase 2b needs to be considered as part of an Integrated Rail Plan for the north and Midlands which also includes Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub, and other major Network Rail schemes to ensure these are scoped, designed, delivered, and can be operated as an integrated network.

The Government is producing an Integrated Rail Plan for the Midlands and the North. This work will be informed by an assessment from the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) looking at the rail needs of the Midlands and the North, and the available evidence on Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub, HS2 Phase 2b and other proposed Network Rail projects. The East Midlands Submission to the NIC's Rail Needs (HS2) Assessment Call for Evidence was published in May following being agreed through the East Midlands HS2 Executive Board. The submission is based around 3 core messages: Deliver in Full; Deliver Early & Invest Now. It sets out a plan for the phased delivery of HS2 linked to local investment over the next 10 years and to key elements of the Midlands Engine Rail initiative. The Government states that the Integrated Rail Plan will be published by the end of the year.

A Masterplan for Toton is also being produced which is a requirement of the Part 2 Local Plan. The Masterplan is a supplementary planning document and would need to be approved at a full Council meeting.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.**

Background papers

Nil