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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
LUTON & SOUTH BEDS JOINT COMMITTEE**

21 July 2010

Dear Councillor/Co-optee

LUTON & SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE - FRIDAY 23 JULY 2010

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following:-

15. Minutes of the Members Steering Group

Attached are the minutes of the Members Steering Group held on 13 July 2010 that were marked as 'to follow' in the agenda.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Sandra Hobbs on Tel: 0300 300 75257.

Yours sincerely

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Luton & South Beds Joint Committee
Notes of the Meeting of the Member Steering Group held at Committee
Room 1, Dunstable Offices, High Street North, Dunstable.

Date: Tuesday 13th July 2010 – 15:30

Those present:-

Members:-

Cllr. Roy Davis – Chair	(LBC)
Cllr. Tom Nicols	(CBC)
Cllr. Ken Matthews	(CBC)
Cllr. David Mc Vicar	(CBC)
Cllr. David Bowater	(CBC)
Cllr. Nigel Young	(CBC)
Cllr. Tom Brindley	(N.Herts)

Officers:-

Colin Chick	(LBC)
Trevor Saunders	(CBC)
Chris Pagdin	(LBC)
Lachlan Robertson	(JTU)
Richard Fox	(CBC)
Mark Saccoccio	(CBC)
Keith Dove	(LBC)
Neil McKillen	(Go-East)
John Ironside	(N.Herts)
Rachael Brydges	(JTU)

Apologies Received:-

Cllr David Franks	(LBC)
Mehmood Khan	(LBC)
Simon Andrews	(JTU)

	Action
<p>1. <u>Minutes of the last Members Steering Group Meeting from 23rd October 2009</u></p> <p>Copies of these were provided but due to time passed, no comments were given.</p> <p>ACTION: It is suggested that we provide an update from the Government Office to update Members at the JC.</p>	

<p>2. <u>Update to the Report of Consultation</u></p> <p>LR gives a brief description of the report describing how amendments were made to the original, creating an addendum to the Report of Consultation.</p> <p>RD feels that the response is reasonable and is happy for this report to go ahead.</p>	
<p>3 <u>Summary of Legislative Changes since October 2009</u></p> <p>ACTION: NM to discuss how to lead the discussion at JC.</p> <p>LR gives a briefing on this report and mentions that we need to add the written statement from the Secretary of State – reference to the letter dated 6th July 2010.</p> <p>RD mentions that the LDF should carry on in accordance with this advice. Therefore he is happy for this report to go ahead.</p>	
<p>4 <u>Summary Report on the Evidence Studies updated or completed since October 2009</u></p> <p>LR describes the work carried out by the JTU and the evidence studies created since October 2009. LR feels that this puts the CS in a better position than before as it has robust foundations.</p> <p>RD is happy for this report to go ahead.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Report on the revised Core Strategy. Appendices include a revised Core Strategy and a detailed Presentation of the Bushwood Proposals as an alternative SSSA.</u></p> <p>LR gives a briefing on this report and explains the main changes to its content. Hopefully the fact that it has been written now in “Plain English” will make it easier for <i>everyone</i> to understand.</p>	

There are still opportunities for it to change before the JC.

Changes to the RSS – Authorities should Review and see what adjustments need to be made.

LR mentions that if the CS is agreed at the JC, then we will need a focussed consultation to let the public know about the main changes.

RD advises that there are high expectations of the JTU from the Government and there has been a lot of discussion about the context of this report. Both Authorities could say different things but there is understanding that both Authorities want to move forward.

CP mentions that LR and the JTU have put in a lot of work updating studies etc- there has been a huge amount of work to get us all to this point.

RD agrees with this stating that this is a remarkable piece of work in a short time and feels that the logic of this response has put us here and we can move forward. RD is grateful for the work the JTU has put in so far.

JI advises that he would like the mini consultation to cover North Herts.

JI mentions that although he hasn't seen the draft CS he has seen the Key Diagram and feels that the A505 – A6 is not part of the CS and therefore should not be shown on the diagram.

RD states that it is there because it is part of a consultation response but we can elaborate on this on the day if necessary.

RD feels that we can review the wording but that it should be reported as he feels it would be misleading to the public to not have it shown.

LR proposes that these are details that he and North Herts. Could discuss in a separate meeting.

ACTION: LR & JI to discuss the A505 – A6 and the Key Diagram.

LR mentions that for anyone who has yet to receive the Technical Notes, he would be happy to forward those on.

RD is happy for this to go ahead.

<p>6. <u>Report on a Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire</u></p> <p>MS clarified the purpose of the report and explained that this report will run side by side with the CS and will be complementary to it.</p> <p>* It is noted that MS will be on annual leave for the JC so RF will give the presentation on his behalf.</p> <p>RD is happy for this to go ahead.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Report on the progress on Development Briefs in Leighton- Linslade (MSG Only).</u></p> <p>This report is not to be taken through to the JC, it is a more a matter of courtesy to give an update.</p> <p>ACTION: RB to take this Item off of the Agenda for JC</p>	
<p>8. <u>Strategic Applications Update</u></p> <p>LR gives a brief on the Stoke Road Proposal making note of the Inspectors attention to the importance of the CS.</p> <p>RD is happy for this to go ahead.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Various Reports on Audit, Budget and Accounts</u></p> <p>LR gives a brief on the reports.</p> <p>LR mentions that the majority is compliant. LR would like to draw attention to the fact that the JC doesn't have a Policy Statement about The Freedom of Information Act- it should have one.</p> <p>The Legal Joint Information Commissioner is looking into this.</p> <p>ACTION: Await the Commissioners views on this before this is looked into further.</p>	

No A.O.B

Meeting Ends.