

At a meeting of the **LUTON & SOUTH BEDS JOINT COMMITTEE** held in Committee Room 1, The Council Offices, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF on Friday, 29 July 2011

PRESENT:	Councillor RJ Davis (Chairman) Councillor Dolling Councillor Franks Councillor Mrs Hegley Councillor Matthews Councillor Shadbolt Councillor Shaw Councillor Spurr Councillor Taylor Councillor Timoney Councillor Young (Vice-Chairman)	Luton Borough Council Luton Borough Council Luton Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council Central Bedfordshire Council Central Bedfordshire Council Luton Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council Luton Borough Council Luton Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council
CO-OPTEES:	Mr J Gelder Councillor D Jones	Local Strategic Partnership Town & Parish Councils
OBSERVERS:	Cllr Barnard for Cllr Brindley	North Hertfordshire District Council
IN ATTENDANCE:	Councillor Bowater Councillor Moles Councillor Versallion	Central Bedfordshire Council Luton Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council
OFFICERS:	Mr Chick (LBC), Mrs Duncan (CBC), Mr Fleming (CBC), Mr. Malik (CBC), Mr. Markland (LBC), Mr Owen (JTU) and Mr Smith (LBC)	

LSBJC/11/13 Apologies for Absence (Ref 2)

An apology was received from Councillor Paternoster.

LSBJC/11/14 Minutes (Ref 3)

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee held on 24th June 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

LSBJC/11/15 Members' Interests (Ref 5)

(a) Personal Interests:-

None

(b) Personal and Prejudicial Interests:-

None.

LSBJC/10/16 **Urgent Business (Ref 6)**

The Chair advised Members that at its meeting held on the 21st July 2011, the Luton & South Beds Joint Sub Committee discussed the Memorandum of Understanding, in particular the West Luton area, where it was felt by LBC that the Core Strategy was not placing development in close proximity to where it was needed. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned to allow private discussion between LBC and CBC Members.

Members were advised that although the two authorities had a better understanding of each other, both LBC and CBC had failed to find away forward and were unlikely to agree on specific site allocation to the West of Luton. Therefore it was proposed that in light of this, the JC recommend to the Secretary of State that the Core Strategy be withdrawn under the terms of the relevant legislation.

AS was disappointed at the proposal to withdraw from the Core Strategy as he felt that despite all odds, both LBC and CBC had a sound strategy.

NY reminded Members that CBC had endorsed an understanding that would allow the JC to carry on. However, as good neighbours both LBC and CBS would continue to have an understanding and co-operate with each other on future projects despite the proposed withdrawal from the Core Strategy.

The Committee was invited to determine the proposal in relation to withdrawal from the Core Strategy and following a vote it was:

RESOLVED

(i) That in light of the recent decision by the Executive of Luton Borough Council to seek a withdrawal of the Core Strategy on the singular ground that a specific site allocation to the West of Luton has not been allocated, and notwithstanding that in other respects the Core Strategy is supported, then it is agreed that the Joint Committee recommend to the Secretary of State that the Core Strategy be withdrawn under the terms of the relevant legislation.

(ii) That the Joint Technical Unit officers from both Luton Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council be thanked for their excellent and extremely valuable work.

(iii) That the Minutes of the of the Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Sub Committee held on 21st July 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(Note: Councillor Shadbolt required that his vote against the above decision be recorded.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and concluded at 9.45 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated