
Meeting: Executive
Date: 10 November 2009
Subject: East of England Plan Review – Consultation

Response of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 1.1 At its meeting on 27 October 2009 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered four scenarios which related to the rate of housing and economic growth in Central Bedfordshire and Luton for the ten years from the end of the current East of England Plan period in 2021 to 2031 and where that growth might be located.
- 1.2 The Committee unanimously agreed that scenario 1, as detailed in the body of the report, was the only practical option as it represented a “roll forward” of the current Plan’s growth rates over the additional ten years and this was felt to be the highest level of development which could be achieved. The meeting was aware that the other scenarios sought growth rates in excess those achieved in the past. Scenario 1 set out the following in relation to new dwellings for 2011-2031:-

Local Authority	New dwellings 2011- 2031
Former Mid-Bedfordshire	14,400
Former South Bedfordshire	28,000
Central Bedfordshire Total	42,400
Luton	2,840
Total	45,240

- 1.3 However, the Committee used the opportunity to raise specific concerns regarding what were felt to be the excessive numbers of new dwellings that Central Bedfordshire was being requested to accommodate up to 2031. It was also commented that any regional growth needed to be provided in a sustainable manner.

RESOLVED

That the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the recommendations detailed in the officer’s report but that it be stressed that all growth must be provided in a sustainable manner.