

Luton Borough Council

Central Bedfordshire Council

Memorandum of Understanding

Dated: 29th July 2011

1. This Memorandum of Understanding establishes the principles of joint working between the two Authorities of Luton Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council in the period up to and beyond the end of the current Joint Committee¹ arrangements.
2. The “joint working” referred to is in respect of the pursuance of the Luton and southern Central Bedfordshire Core Strategy which is in current progress, in respect of its adoption either by the Joint Committee or by the two Authorities, in respect of the policies contained within the adopted Core Strategy and in respect of subsequent reviews of the Luton and southern Central Bedfordshire Core Strategy thereafter.
3. The two Authorities will co-operate at Member level through the mechanism of a Working Group which will, in practice, be a continuation or modification of the current Sub Group, involving equal numbers of Members from each Authority, with the same participation opportunities for Members. The Chair and Vice-Chair will alternate annually between the two Authorities.
4. Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall prejudice compliance with any requirement of any statute affecting either Authority during the period of joint working.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding affirms that both Authorities recognise they need to work together to achieve more than they can alone. To this end they will continue joint working on strategic planning to support and periodically review the

¹ Established under the Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee Order 2007 and ending 31st March 2012

Core Strategy, beyond the end of the current Joint Committee, on a "parity of esteem" basis.

6. Following the adoption of the Luton and southern Central Bedfordshire Core Strategy both Authorities commit to early review of that Core Strategy to focus initially on an examination of all previously discarded locations for growth, to determine to what extent smaller developable sections of each could contribute to the provision of housing and employment

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Signed By:

[insert Authorised Person for Central Bedfordshire Council]

Signature: _____

On behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council

and

Insert Authorised Person for Luton Borough Council

Signature: _____

Insert Authorised Person for Luton Borough Council

On this day [insert date of signature]