

Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee Date: 12 October 2011	
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SUBJECT	The Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee – Amended terms of Reference for the Sub-Committee
PURPOSES	To seek amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the Sub-Committee accept the amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix A.
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS	A number of minor amendments to the ToR are required as a result of the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the dissolution of the Joint Technical Unit.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Joint Committee agreed the setting up of a Sub-Committee and its terms of reference at a meeting of the JC on 24 June 2011. The decision was as follows:

“RESOLVED

that the proposals set out in the report be approved to create a subcommittee of Members of the Joint Committee under Regulation 8 of the Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee Order 2007.”

- 1.2 As a result of the decision of the Joint Committee on the 29 July 2011 to seek the withdrawal of the Core Strategy and the subsequent agreement of the S/S to do so, there is a need to re-visit the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee.
- 1.3 Members of the JC have informally expressed a wish to continue with the sub-committee as a means of continuing the joint decision making arrangements until the cessation of the Joint Committee formally on the 31st March 2012. The Joint Technical Unit which administered these arrangements has been disbanded in the light of the withdrawal of the Core Strategy. There is a need therefore to adjust the ToR to ensure continuity and support to the Sub-Committee. In practice, these amendments are minor in nature and the revised ToR is attached as Appendix A.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The operation of the Terms of Reference will incur costs via the respective Committee support arrangements of both Councils.

3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The amendments are minor in nature and do not go to the heart of their purpose. Therefore the Sub-Committee may make such minor adjustments as they consider necessary for the smooth running of its affairs.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications as these are minor procedural changes.