

<b>Luton and South Bedfordshire Joint Committee</b> <b>Sub-Committee Meeting</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012</b>	
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Richard Fox (Head of Development Planning and Housing Strategy Central Bedfordshire)</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>A new Plan-making Programme for Central Bedfordshire – Statement of Community Involvement</b>
<b>PURPOSES</b>	<b>To enable Central Bedfordshire to commence community engagement on its plan making programme, specifically the Development Strategy</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>That the Sub-Committee authorise Central Bedfordshire Council to commence community engagement on its plan-making programme (Local Development Scheme) in accordance with the adopted Luton and southern Central Bedfordshire Statement of Community involvement (SCI) insofar as it relates to southern Central Bedfordshire.</b>
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>The Joint Committee remain the plan-making authority for southern Central Bedfordshire until 31 March 2011.</b>

## **Introduction**

1. A Plan-making Programme prepared by Central Bedfordshire Council was agreed by Joint Sub-Committee on 12 October 2011. This Programme included provision for a Development Strategy covering the whole of Central Bedfordshire up to 2031. The timetable for this Development Strategy included a period of evidence gathering until April 2012. As part of this evidence gathering, it is necessary to seek the views of stakeholders on an informal basis, prior to consultation on the draft Strategy in May/June 2012.
2. Until 1 April 2012, the Joint Committee remain the plan-making authority for the southern part of Central Bedfordshire and, as such, the Committee's authorisation is required to undertake consultation on the Development Strategy and any other development plan documents (DPD's) by Central Bedfordshire Council in accordance with the SCI adopted by the Joint Committee.

3. In advance of consultation on the Development Strategy in May/June, Central Bedfordshire Council hope to undertake some informal stakeholder involvement to help inform the content of the draft Strategy. This will mainly take the form of stakeholder workshops during March.

**Appendices:**

None