

## COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JUNE 2014

### Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 27 May 2014

#### E/14/11. Development Strategy - Revised Pre-Submission Version

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Regeneration that included a revised draft Pre-Submission version of the Development Strategy. The Development Strategy was an overarching planning policy document that set out the overall approach to new development in Central Bedfordshire for the period up to 2031, including new homes, jobs and infrastructure and detailed policies to guide decisions on planning applications. The Development Strategy had been revised following the comments received from the public consultation and a changed policy context.

In response to questions, the Executive Member for Regeneration confirmed that the Council was working closely with neighbouring authorities to help meet Luton's unmet housing need in line with the Duty to Co-operate.

Pending the adoption of the Development Strategy, the existing policies covering the north of Central Bedfordshire would continue to be used for development management purposes but the Executive Member agreed to seek clarification on points raised about the Marston Vale area and the Airfield at Cranfield.

Reason for decision: To enable progress on the draft revised Development Strategy prior to its formal submission to the Secretary of State in October 2014 and during the Examination period.

#### ***RECOMMENDED to Council***

- 1. that the draft revised Pre-Submission Development Strategy attached at Appendix A to the Executive report be approved for the purposes of Publication and Submission to the Secretary of State; and***
- 2. to authorise the Director of Regeneration and Business, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to make any minor amendments to the Development Strategy:***
  - (i) prior to Publication;***
  - (ii) after Publication but before Submission; and***
  - (iii) during the Examination process.***

#### **RESOLVED**

**that the draft revised Pre-submission Development Strategy, be endorsed for Development Management guidance purposes for use in the south of Central Bedfordshire prior to its formal adoption\*.**

*\*In the north of Central Bedfordshire the existing adopted documents will continue to be used.*