

<b>SHADOW SCRUTINY</b>
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<b>19 February 2009</b>
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Member Task Force – continuation of business April – June 2009.</b>  (To request the Shadow Scrutiny Committee to establish a Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF) Member Task Force for the period April – June 2009 to allow continuation of the current programme of business)
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES</b>
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**IMPLICATIONS**

<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	None
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL</b>	The LDF, when adopted, will be part of the statutory Development Plan.
<b>PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	None
<b>COMMUNITY DEV/SAFETY</b>	None
<b>TRADES UNION</b>	None
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	None

<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT</b>
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LDF Member Task Force – Terms of Reference
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<b>RECOMMENDATION(S):</b>
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**That:-**

- 1. Six members be appointed to the Mid Bedfordshire LDF Member Task Force for the period 1 April to 4 June 2009 to allow continuation of the current programme of business; and**
- 2. The Terms of Reference of the Mid Bedfordshire LDF Member Task Force be amended to specifically refer to the Mid Bedfordshire area.**

## **Background**

1. A Member Task Force has been set up to oversee work on the Mid Bedfordshire Local Development Framework (LDF). The terms of reference of this Task Force are attached. The Task Force does not have any decision-making powers but was created by Mid Bedfordshire's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to advise the Executive or the Director of Environment and Planning Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, on important issues throughout the LDF process. The current Chair of the Task Force is Cllr Dennis Gale and the other Members are Cllr Alan R Bastable, Cllr P Nigel Aldis, Cllr Mrs Rita J Drinkwater, Cllr John Lewis, Cllr Ken C Matthews.
2. The LDF process in South Beds is undertaken on a joint basis with Luton Borough Council and the decision-making body is the South Beds and Luton Joint Committee. For South Beds, the scrutiny function is undertaken by the Growth Area Committee and it is not currently envisaged that the Growth Area Committee will need to meet between 1 April and 4 June. The Mid Beds and South Beds/Luton LDFs are proposed to remain separate until both are adopted around 2011.
3. The first meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Sustainable Communities following the elections in June 2009 will need to consider the scrutiny arrangements for LDF business going forward. However, in order to continue progressing the LDF work in Mid Bedfordshire it will be necessary to allow the continuation of the LDF Task Force for the period from 1 April until the elections in June.
4. Members are therefore recommended to appoint six Members to the LDF Task Force covering the current area of Mid Bedfordshire.

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## **Appendix 1 – LDF Member Task Force – Terms of Reference**

***Background Papers:*** N/A

***Location of Papers:*** N/A

***File Reference:*** N/A