



SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 8 MARCH 2017

**LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN: JOINT
STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION**

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Commission considered a Cabinet report of the Chief Executive concerning the Joint Statement of Co-operation Relating to Objectively Assessed Need for Housing which would be the subject of a Cabinet decision at its meeting on 10 March. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 9”, is filed with these minutes.

Arising from a discussion, the following points were noted:

- Full sign up to the Statement by local authority partners would strengthen its status. The Statement set out the latest evidence on housing needs and housing land capacity but did not commit partners to any housing provision figures. It was known, however, that local planning authorities were taking account of the evidence in the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessments (HEDNA) and that this evidence would be tested through the local plans process. It was acknowledged that all authorities were at different stages of this process;
- It was felt that the approach being taken by the County Council to support the development of the Strategic Growth Plan was pragmatic as it would assist housing growth to be planned in a sustainable way, and also ensure the Council fulfilled its ‘duty to co-operate’;
- The City Council was not expecting to be able to meet its objectively assessed need for housing requirement for housing growth and it was expected therefore that this would have implications for the housing figures for the districts.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan: Joint Statement of Co-operation be supported in principle, but that the Cabinet be advised that concerns remain around the expected housing shortfall in the City and how this may then be re-distributed to the districts;
- (b) That the comments of the Commission be forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 10 March.

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