

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 14TH DECEMBER 2006

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

Purpose of Report

1. To seek the views of the Scrutiny Commission on the comments to be submitted to the East Midlands Regional Assembly on the Draft Regional Plan.

Background

2. Earlier this year the County Council was required to submit advice to EMRA on the distribution of housing within Leicestershire and other matters by September this year. In submitting its advice the County Council asked EMRA to note that further work was required to assess the major housing allocations in terms of transport infrastructure and that the results of the then unpublished employment land studies also needed to be taken into account. Once this information was available the County Council may revise its advice.
3. During the process of preparing advice to EMRA the County Council has been working closely with Leicester City Council, the Leicestershire District Councils and other stakeholders.

Comments on the Draft Regional Plan

4. Comments on the draft Regional Plan have to be submitted to the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) by 20th December 2006. The County Council's response will be considered by Cabinet on the 19th December. At the time of writing this report information was awaited on a number of issues. **The Cabinet report will be circulated to all members of the Council shortly via the Members Information Service. Members of the Commission are requested to bring copies along to the meeting.**

Recommendation

5. The views of the Commission are sought on the final comments to be submitted to EMRA on the Regional Plan so that these can be taken into consideration by the Cabinet on 19th December.

Circulation under the Sensitive Issues Procedure

6. As the proposals may affect a number of electoral divisions the report is being circulated to all members via the Members' Information Service.

Equal Opportunities Implications

None specifically

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Background Papers

Report to the Scrutiny Commission on 15th November 2006

Report to the Cabinet on 5th September 2006