

**CABINET – 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2004**

**EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF  
THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**LEICESTERSHIRE RURAL STRATEGY 2004-09**

The Commission considered a report of the Chief Executive concerning the second draft of the Leicestershire Rural Strategy which had been revised following public consultation. A copy of the report marked 'B' is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs. Pendleton CC, the Cabinet Lead Member who had kindly agreed to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Pendleton CC introduced the report and advised the Commission that the Leicestershire Rural Partnership had considered the responses received during the consultation process. The document had been amended to address the issues raised in the consultation and in particular the comments made by the Commission. With regard to the Implementation Plan, it was hoped that this would be available for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the changes made to the Rural Strategy 2004-2009 be welcomed;
- (b) That the Cabinet and Leicestershire Rural Partnership (LRP) be advised that the Commission supports the revised Rural Strategy but is of the view that LRP member organisations including the District Councils, as partners to the Strategy, should be encouraged to:
  - (i) support efforts being made by the Partnership to develop affordable housing in rural areas;
  - (ii) have greater regard to emerging Parish Plans and in the case of District Councils where such land use planning elements of the Plan are consistent with the Local Development Plan be encouraged to adopt Parish Plans as supplementary planning guidance.
- (c) That the Rural Strategy Implementation Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Commission.

**NOTE:** The further comments of the Scrutiny Commission will be reflected in the Implementation Plan which will be prepared following adoption of the Strategy.