

## Agenda – Co-operation for Sustainable Development Member Board

22 September 2015, 6.30 pm – ([Civic Centre, Harlow](#))

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Draft notes of meeting of 3 June 2015 – including review of action points  
***paper** – draft notes from previous meeting*
3. West Essex/East Herts SHMA & Joint Economic work final reports  
***paper** – the final Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)*  
***paper** – the final Joint Economic report*  
***paper to follow** – draft Joint Statement regarding SHMA/Joint Economic report*
4. London Stansted Cambridge Consortium – proposals for workshops  
***paper** – ‘LSCC Core – next steps’ note from John McGill (LSCC Director), which he has sent to Chief Executives*
5. Verbal update on Strategic Options around Harlow – work with AECOM
6. A.O.B.
7. Dates of next meetings (already booked):
  - 26 October 2015
  - 4 December 2015

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**Attendance**

**Members**

Broxbourne BC	Cllr Jim Metcalfe
East Herts DC	Cllr Gary Jones, Cllr Linda Haysey
Epping Forest DC	Cllr Richard Bassett, Cllr Chris Whitbread, Cllr John Philip
Essex CC	Cllr Kay Twitchen
Harlow DC	Cllr Tony Durcan
Uttlesford DC	Cllr Susan Barker

**Officers/others**

Brentwood BC	Phil Drane
East Herts DC	Kevin Steptoe, Claire Sime
Epping Forest DC	Glen Chipp, Derek Macnab, Alison Blom-Cooper, Sarah King
Essex CC	Hamish Barrell, Zhanine Smith, David Sprunt
Harlow DC	Graeme Bloomer, Paul MacBride
Herts CC	Paul Donovan
Uttlesford DC	Andrew Taylor
Hardisty Jones Associates	Stuart Hardisty
Opinion Research Services	Nigel Moore

**1. Apologies**

- Brentwood BC - Cllr Roger McCheyne and Cllr William Trump
- Herts CC - Cllr Ashley

**2. Draft notes of meeting of 3 June 2015 – including review of action points**

- Cllr Twitchen asked for it to be noted that at the June meeting, regarding item 10, she had also explained that Essex CC officers had previously already held some Duty to Co-operate meetings with Local Authority officers on the 'Revised Preferred Approach' consultation.
- Notes were agreed subject to this amendment.

**Matters arising:**

- **Publication of notes of Co-op. meetings** – there was a discussion as to how/where the notes of the meetings were/should be published. Uttlesford DC already published the Member Board notes as part of their Working Group reports, as do East Herts DC. All agreed that the notes should be published.
- **Essex CC Waste Plan – Hamish Barrell**  
Hamish explained that about 1,000 comments on the consultation had been received, and that Essex CC was working on a Duty to Co-operate programme with various districts. The timetable had slipped, there would not be a Pre-Submission Draft Waste Local Plan by November.
- **M11 Junction 7/7A - David Sprunt ECC**  
David Sprunt explained that discussions about improvements to junction 7 of the M11 were ongoing with Highways England. He noted that this was being progressed as a separate scheme to junction 7A. Essex CC was currently considering options for junction 7A and there would be a workshop on this matter with Highways England soon – David expects this to be regarding technical engineering options rather than the 'wider picture' but if it is the latter, then District Councils will be involved in that workshop. David expected a public consultation on junction 7A to take place in early 2016.  
There was a discussion about the likely timeframe for junction 7A in relation to the funding programmes of Highways England. It was possible that junction 7A might be moved from

'Road investment strategy 1 (RIS 1)' to 'RIS 2' but this was unlikely to be a big problem as long as it was delivered by about 2020 and was included within Local Plans.

### **3. West Essex/East Herts Joint Economic Report and SHMA - final reports**

- **Joint Economic Report**

Stuart Hardisty of consultants Hardisty Jones Associates presented the headline findings of the report. There was a general discussion about the effects of Stansted Airport's growth on the jobs projections in increasing the overall jobs growth, and in focussing more job creation within Uttlesford district, and also on the recent announcement that Public Health England planned to move some jobs from their Wiltshire site to the former GlaxoSmithKline site in Harlow. It was agreed that the final Joint Economic Report be signed off and that each authority would take it back to their respective Council with a recommendation for inclusion into their evidence bases.

- **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)**

Nigel Moore of consultants Opinion Research Services presented the headline findings of the report. There was a general discussion about the advantages of using a 10 year trend for housing need projections, about the SHMA's inclusion of a 20% uplift on the baseline projections for 'market signals', and about the scrutiny of SHMAs at Examination in Public.

It was agreed that the final SHMA be signed off and that each authority would take it back to their respective Council with a recommendation for inclusion into their evidence bases.

A draft joint statement from the 4 West Essex/East Herts authorities had been prepared and circulated before the meeting – it was agreed that this could be used by the 4 authorities to communicate the finalisation of the SHMA and Joint Economic Reports to the press.

### **4. London Stansted Cambridge Consortium – proposals for workshops**

Andrew Taylor referred to the note circulated from John McGill (LSCC) which had been sent to Chief Executives of the West Essex/East Herts authorities. The LSCC was keen to work with the 4 authorities, and with Essex and Herts County Councils, on developing a vision and wider 'growth plan' for the area, which would feed into the LSCC's growth commission. The intention is for this work to involve Chief Executives as well as key politicians. There was a general discussion about the merits of working together in this way, albeit that it must be ensured that work being done by the Co-op Board already is not duplicated. It was agreed that workshops would proceed in that manner.

### **5. Verbal update on Strategic Options around Harlow – work with AECOM**

Alison Blom Cooper noted that officers from the West Essex/East Herts authorities had been working with consultants AECOM on potential strategic options for growth around Harlow, to ensure that these matters are handled in a coherent way across boundaries. This includes considering what might need to be run through transport modelling to assess likely effects.

### **6. A.O.B.**

None.

### **7. Dates of next meetings (already booked):**

- 26 October 2015 – 6.30pm Harlow DC
- 4 December 2015 – 6.30pm Harlow DC
- 18 January 2016 - 6.30pm Harlow DC
- 7 March 2016 - 6.30pm Harlow DC
- 19 April 2016 - 6.30pm Harlow DC