

## 1 Strategic Issues

Local Growth White Paper - Cabinet on 14th December considered a draft response to the Government proposals to introduce a New Homes Bonus details for which were included in the "*Local growth: realising every place's potential*" white paper published on 28th October. The consultation document suggests that 80% of the New Homes Bonus funding should be paid to lower tier authorities and 20% to higher tier authorities (County Councils). Cabinet agreed that a community investment fund approach to be governed by the local authorities would be more equitable. The response was sent to Communities and Local Government on 22 December 2010.

Abolition of the RSS – The abolition of the system of regional strategies in England has been confirmed in the Government's Localism Bill published 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010. This will need to be approved by parliament before becoming law, anticipated at the earliest by July 2011. The local position remains that the Cambridgeshire authorities maintain support for the development strategy established in 2003.

Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan (CLIP) and HCA Single Conversation – This shows how HCA investment can assist in the delivery of the local authorities' ambitions.

- Cabinet to consider final County response and projects February 2011.
- Agreement of the CLIP by the Cambridgeshire Horizons Board March 2011.
- Homes and Communities Agency to conduct internal review processes upon receipt of the CLIP in March 2011. (Currently there is significant uncertainty as to the amount of funding available.)

ECDC Local Investment Framework –. Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> December endorsed a number of objections to the East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) draft Planning Obligation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Officers have met and progress made to address some of the County's concerns. However, the issue of discounting developer contributions, which may leave a shortfall in funding for the County Council for new infrastructure, such as schools remains. Discussions to resolve the remaining objections are ongoing. ECDC Strategic Development Committees on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 considered all consultation responses and resolved to recommend the SPD to Full Council for adoption, (scheduled for 22nd February 2011). Any changes prior to Full Council have been delegated to officers in consultation with the Chairman and Spokesperson of the Strategic Development Committee. CIL work continues to move forward as planned.

Cambridgeshire Horizons - Following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010, future Government funding of Cambridgeshire Horizons is discontinued. At the a full Horizons Board meeting on 8th December 2010, it was agreed that Cambridgeshire

Horizons will begin to put in a place a transition plan with a view to winding up as an operational entity during the coming year, most likely around September 2011.

## **2 Site Specific Issues**

### **Cambridge Southern Fringe**

- On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010, the Bell School development received outline planning permission, following the completion of the S106 legal agreement. The S106 contains County Council financial contributions worth over £3m, including funding towards the Addenbrooke's Access Road, CGB and Education Facilities. All developments in the Southern Fringe now have planning permission.

#### **Next Steps**

- A planning application for new the Trumpington Meadows primary school is anticipated to be submitted in February 2011.

### **Cambridge North West**

- The first draft of the s106 agreement for NIAB1 has been exchanged with the developers. Consideration is being given to the implications of the withdrawal of the A14 improvements and whether the site can exceed the 350 housing limit imposed by the planning permission subject to greater capacity being made available on the A14.
- A decision will be made in March by the University of Cambridge on the timing of submission of its planning application, based on additional transport modelling to assess the impact of the development in the absence of A14 improvements.

#### **Next Steps**

- University site planning application to be submitted in summer 2011.

### **Cambourne 950**

- The planning application was determined by SCDC Planning Committee on 6th December 2010. The S106 agreement includes £11 Million of developer contributions for delivery of County Council supporting infrastructure and services. The level of affordable housing that Members approved was 30%.

### **Useful Links**

Information on growth areas can be found at the following links on the Cambridge City website;

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/growth-and-urban-expansion/>

And on the South Cambridgeshire website at the following link;

<http://www.scams.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/NewCommunities/MajorDevelopments/default.htm>

Agenda and Papers for the Fringes Joint Development Control Committee can be viewed via the following link.

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/democracy/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=188&Year=2010>

Quality Charter

[http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/about\\_horizons/how\\_we\\_do\\_it/quality\\_charter.aspx](http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/about_horizons/how_we_do_it/quality_charter.aspx)