

A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING)** will be held in the **CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2010** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact
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APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 5th October 2010.

**Miss H Ali
388006**

2 Minutes.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda Item. Please see Notes 1 and 2 overleaf.

2 Minutes.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000: FORWARD PLAN (Pages 7 - 12)

A copy of the current Forward Plan, which was published on 14th October 2010 is attached. Members are invited to note the Plan and to comment as appropriate on any items contained therein.

**Mrs H Taylor
388008**

10 Minutes.

4. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY: CONSULTATION DRAFT (Pages 13 - 32)

To receive a report by the Head of Housing Services detailing the outcome of a review of the Homelessness Strategy.

**S Plant
388240
J Collen
388220**

20 Minutes.

5. CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN (Pages 33 - 128)

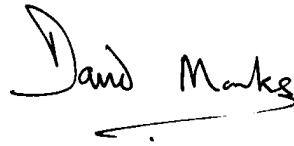
To receive a joint report from the Heads of Housing and Planning Services on the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan.

**S Plant
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20 Minutes.

6. **MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS (PLANNING OBLIGATIONS)** (Pages 129 - 144)
- To receive a report by the Head of People, Performance and Partnerships outlining the progress made to date in respect of the expenditure and receipt of money received from Section 106 Agreements.
- 20 Minutes.**
- C Meadowcroft
388364
7. **PROVISION OF PLAY FACILITIES**
- To receive an update from the Service Development Manager.
- 20 Minutes.**
- J Craig
388638
8. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**
- To receive a report on the Cabinet's decisions on recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels on Performance Management. **(TO FOLLOW)**
- H Ali
388006
9. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADULTS WELLBEING AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
- To receive an update from Councillor R J West on the outcome of recent meetings of the Cambridgeshire Adults Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Committee.
- 5 Minutes.**
10. **WORK PLAN STUDIES** (Pages 145 - 150)
- To consider, with the aid of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services, the current programme of Overview and Scrutiny studies.
- 15 Minutes.**
- Miss H Ali
388006
11. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING) - PROGRESS** (Pages 151 - 162)
- To consider a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services on the Panel's programme of studies.
- 15 Minutes.**
- Miss H Ali
388006
12. **SCRUTINY**
- To scrutinise decisions as set out in the Decision Digest **(TO FOLLOW)** and to raise any other matters for scrutiny that fall within the remit of the Panel.
- 5 Minutes.**

Dated this 22 day of October 2010



Chief Executive

Notes

1. *A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District –*
 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*

2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Miss H Ali, Democratic Services Officer, Tel No: (01480) 388006 / email: Habbiba.Ali@huntsdc.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Panel.

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Agenda Item 1

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING) held in the CIVIC SUITE 0.1A, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 5 October 2010.

PRESENT: Councillor R J West – Vice-Chairman in the Chair.

Councillors S Cawley, B S Chapman, Mrs K E Cooper and P D Reeve.

R Coxhead and Mrs M Nicholas.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors P L E Bucknell, S J Criswell, J J Dutton, Mrs P A Jordan and P G Mitchell.

39. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PANEL

The Chairman welcomed Councillor P D Reeve to his first meeting of the Panel. In so doing, he placed on record his gratitude for the contribution made by Councillor A Monk to the work of the Panel.

40. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 7th September 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor P D Reeve declared a personal interest in Minute No. 45 by virtue of his membership of Cambridgeshire County Council, Ramsey Town Council and the Ramsey Initiative.

42. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000: FORWARD PLAN

The Panel considered and noted the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which had been prepared by the Leader of the Council for the period 1st October 2010 to 31st January 2011. Members requested sight of the item entitled Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan prior to its consideration by the Cabinet.

43. STUDY: CONSULTATION PROCESSES

With the aid of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Panel were provided with an opportunity to plan their study on the Council's consultation processes with a view to determining whether the approach currently taken to consultation was suitable and consistent across the authority.

In reviewing the Consultation and Engagement Strategy and associated Guidance, the Panel received a list of consultations that had previously been undertaken by the Council together with the outcome of a recent consultation which suggested that approximately half of respondents felt that the Council did not listen to or consider the views of local residents. Members doubted whether this finding was representative of views generally in the District. It did, however, suggest there might be justification for the study.

Members discussed a number of matters including the role of pressure groups during consultation exercises, public perceptions of the consultation process and the need to publicise more effectively the expectations of consultations prior to their commencement. It was also felt that the Council should explain to the public the reasons why a chosen course of action was taken following a consultation exercise. Comment was also made on the structure of the questions posed within consultation documents and the importance of using consultation to support the role of Councillors in their decision-making and in engaging with their constituents. Furthermore, Members commented that the Neighbourhood Forums could be more effectively utilised to promote current and forthcoming consultations. Other matters that were discussed included the importance of communication and its ability to ensure consultations incorporated all sectors of the community including those in isolated rural areas, the prescriptive nature of some consultations and the need to analyse data on a Ward specific basis. It was agreed that a copy of the Council's Communications Strategy should be circulated electronically to Members for background purposes.

The view was expressed that there should be rigorous assessment of whether consultations were justified prior to their commencement and that when they had been concluded the effectiveness of consultations should be reviewed. It was also suggested that the format of the District Wide publication might need to be reconsidered. Having referred to the study's strategic links to the Council's Corporate Plan, the Scrutiny and Review Manager indicated that he would circulate a completed study template to Members in advance of the next Panel meeting.

44. HUNTINGDONSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES THEMATIC GROUP

With the assistance of an extract from the Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2028 (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Panel were acquainted with the work of the Children and Young People Thematic Group of the Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership (HSP), together with details of how it intended to achieve its objectives. Having been reminded of the duty on the Council to scrutinise the work of the HSP, Members noted that the Thematic Group aimed to ensure that sustained support for families and carers would be available across the District.

The Panel's attention was drawn to the latest report of the Thematic Group, which included its terms of reference, membership and current matters under consideration. Having received details of the Thematic Group's current achievements and the risks to its work, Members

queried whether the Police and Primary Schools were providing the Thematic Group with adequate support. Comment also was made that the data being used by the Thematic Group was out of date.

In discussing the work of the Thematic Group, it was suggested by a Member that some priority should be accorded to reviewing the Council's role in shaping new residential developments. Owing to a perceived shortfall in the availability of facilities for some sectors of new and developing communities, it was felt that the review would provide some lessons for the future.

To assist them in scrutinising the Thematic Group, the Panel has requested that the latest report of its meeting held on 30th September 2010 was circulated, together with an update on progress of its Action Plan, which was currently in the development stages. It was further agreed to invite the relevant Executive Member to a future meeting to discuss the Thematic Group's work.

The Chairman drew attention to a Member led review being undertaken by the County Council's Children and Young Peoples Services Committee on integrating children and young peoples services and social infrastructure provision into the County's new communities. It was agreed that copies of the report on the review should be circulated electronically to Members.

45. NHS CONSULTATION: PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Panel were acquainted with details of a consultation exercise being undertaken by NHS Cambridgeshire on pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire. The purpose of the consultation was to seek views on the range and quality of pharmaceutical services, the times during which they were available, their location and any other aspect of the services.

A further report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is also appended in the Minute Book) drew the Panel's attention to a number of other matters for consideration relating to pharmaceutical services. Members noted that the consultation was intended to inform the Primary Care Trust's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which it was required to complete by 1st February 2011.

The Panel discussed the design of the consultation document and its distribution. Members queried whether all sectors of the community had been adequately targeted and they highlighted in particular the need for copies to be made available in existing pharmacies so that current users of the service had sufficient opportunity to respond. Although the questionnaire requested equalities monitoring information, the Panel suggested that it might also be useful for future NHS consultations to include details of where respondents lived to provide a better understanding of local need.

Having regard to the questions raised by the consultation, Members queried the value of the information that would be gained from

responses to them. Comment was also made on the Government's plans to enhance the role of existing pharmacies and the implications they would have for these facilities. Members' attention was drawn to the facts that the PCT was required to contribute £40,000 in establishment payments to each pharmacy per year and that the PNA would enable the Primary Care Trust to manage the number of pharmaceutical outlets in Cambridgeshire.

In noting that responses to the consultation would be required by 25th November 2010, it was

RESOLVED

that a response to the consultation on pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire be submitted to NHS Cambridgeshire to include the Panel's comments as set out above.

46. CAMBRIDGESHIRE ADULTS WELLBEING AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chairman updated the Panel on matters currently being considered by the Cambridgeshire Adults Well-Being and Health Scrutiny Committee, including the Government's proposals to reform the NHS outlined within the "Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS" White Paper, adult support services, training on dementia for care home staff and the membership of the neo-natal intensive care joint committee.

47. WORK PLAN STUDIES

The Panel received and noted a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) containing details of studies currently being undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels. Members were encouraged to contact the Scrutiny and Review Manager directly if they were interested in participating in any of the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels' studies.

48. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SOCIAL WELL-BEING) - PROGRESS

The Panel received and noted a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) which contained details of actions taken in response to recent discussions and decisions. Having regard to the future governance of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, the Vice-Chairman reported that an announcement by the Strategic Health Authority on which bidder would take over the Hospital's management was anticipated shortly.

Members noted that a further report on the Provision of Play Facilities would be submitted to their next meeting and that the Section 106 Agreement Advisory Group, at their meeting on 11th October 2010, would consider the Panel's proposal to develop project plans for schemes to be delivered through S106 Agreements.

49. SCRUTINY

In scrutinising the 107th Edition of the digest of decisions taken by the Cabinet and the other Panels, etc, and following a question on the item on the Provision of Play Facilities in Huntingdonshire, the Scrutiny and Review Manager undertook to send details of a group insurance scheme for third tier authorities to Councillor P D Reeve.

Chairman

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Prepared by
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The documents available may be obtained by contacting the relevant officer shown in this plan who will be responsible for preparing the final report to be submitted to the decision maker on the matter in relation to which the decision is to be made. Similarly any enquiries as to the subject or matter to be tabled for decision or on the availability of supporting information or documentation should be directed to the relevant officer.

Roy Reeves
Head of Administration

Notes:- (i) Additions/significant changes from the previous Forward are annotated ***

(ii) For information about how representations about the above decisions may be made please see the Council's Petitions Procedure at <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/3F6CFE28-C5F0-4BA0-9BF2-76EBAE06C89D/0/Petitionsleaflet.pdf> or telephone 01480 388006

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Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Consultation	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	None.	Steve Plant, Head of Housing Services Tel No. 01480 388240 or e-mail Steve.Plant@huntsdc.gov.uk		A Hansard	Social Well-Being
Homelessness Strategy	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	None.	Jon Collen, Housing Needs and Resources Manager Tel No. 01480 388220 or e-mail Jon.Collen@huntsdc.gov.uk	Consultation process in preparation.	A Hansard	Social Well-Being
St Neots East Urban Design Framework	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	Agreed Urban Design Framework	Paul Bland, Planning Service Manager (Policy) Tel No 01480 388430 or e-mail Paul.Bland@huntsdc.gov.uk	Adopt as Council policy	D B Dew	Environmental Well-Being
Environment Strategy Review	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	None.	Dr Paul Jose, Head of Environmental Management Tel No 01480 388332 or e-mail Paul.Jose@huntsdc.gov.uk		J A Gray	Environmental Well-Being
Draft MTP	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	Financial Strategy Previous Year's budget report - Various Annexes	Steve Couper, Head of Financial Services Tel No. 01480 388103 or e-mail Steve.Couper@huntsdc.gov.uk	Overview and Scrutiny (Economic Well-Being)	T V Rogers	Economic Well-Being
Sale of Land at Mill Hill Road, Eaton Socon	Cabinet	18 Nov 2010	Estates File - M/436/1	Keith Phillips, Estates and Property Manager Tel No. 01480 388260 or e-mail Keith.Phillips@huntsdc.gov.uk	Ward Councillors	Mrs D C Reynolds	Economic Well-Being
Home Improvement Agency Review - Future Delivery Model Consultation	Cabinet	16 Dec 2010	None	Steve Plant, Head of Housing Services Tel No. 01480 388240 or e-mail Steve.Plant@huntsdc.gov.uk		A Hansard	Social Well-Being

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One Leisure, St. Ives - Proposal for Development	Cabinet	16 Dec 2010	None	Simon Bell, General Manager, One Leisure Tel No. 01480 388049 or e-mail Simon.Bell@huntsdc.gov.uk		Mrs D C Reynolds	Social Well-Being
Local Transport Plan (LTP3)	Cabinet	16 Dec 2010	Draft Local Transport Plan	Paul Bland, Planning Service Manager (Policy) Tel No 01480 388430 or e-mail Paul.Bland@huntsdc.gov.uk	Endorse as Council policy	D B Dew	Environmental Well-Being
Asset Management Plan - Annual Report	Cabinet	16 Dec 2010	Previous Cabinet Reports	Keith Phillips, Estates and Property Manager Tel No. 01480 388260 or e-mail Keith.Phillips@huntsdc.gov.uk		Mrs D C Reynolds	Economic Well-Being
Open Space Strategy***	Cabinet	17 Feb 2011	Open Space Strategy	Mr Howard Thackray, Policy and Strategic Services Manager Tel No 01480 388035 or e-mail Howard.Thackray@huntsdc.gov.uk	Planned with Town and Parish Councils	C Hyams	Social Well-Being
Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy***	Cabinet	17 Feb 2011	Cambs County Council led project	Paul Bland, Planning Service Manager (Policy) Tel No 01480 388430 or e-mail Paul.Bland@huntsdc.gov.uk	Endorse as Council policy (further details required).	D B Dew	Environmental Well-Being
Residential Travel Plan***	Cabinet	17 Feb 2011	Cambs County Council led project	Paul Bland, Planning Service Manager (Policy) Tel No. 01480 388430 or e-mail Paul.Bland@huntsdc.gov.uk	Endorse as Council policy (further details required).	D B Dew	Environmental Well-Being
Budget and MTP***	Cabinet	17 Feb 2011	Draft MTP previous year's budget report various annexes	Steve Couper, Head of Financial Services Tel No. 01480 388103 or e-mail Steve.Couper@huntsdc.gov.uk	Overview and Scrutiny (Economic Well-Being)	T V Rogers	Economic Well-Being

Subject/Matter for Decision	Decision/ recommendation to be made by	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Consultation	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators***	Cabinet	17 Feb 2011	Previous year's strategy	Steve Couper, Head of Financial Services Tel No. 01480 388103 or e-mail Steve.Couper@huntsdc.gov.uk	Overview and Scrutiny (Economic Well-Being)	T V Rogers	Economic Well-Being

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Homelessness Strategy, Consultation Draft (Report by the Head of Housing Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council's Homelessness Strategy forms part of the suite of strategies that informs the strategic direction of Housing Services. The Council has to produce a Homelessness Strategy at least every five years and it is now due for a renewal.
- 1.2 The Council has produced a consultation draft that puts homelessness within the district in context, explains the successes achieved in the lifetime of the previous strategy and outlines the future strategic direction of homelessness prevention. Feedback is to be sought on the draft strategy from the wider range of partners, stakeholders and customers so that this consultation can shape the final strategy for adoption by the Council.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Statutory homelessness nationally and locally has been reducing over the last few years up until the beginning of this year. The homelessness prevention measures and initiatives introduced have led to significant increases in the number of households that have managed to avoid the homelessness route through positive interventions by the Council. This in turn had led to a reduction in the number of households placed in temporary accommodation by the Council.
- 2.2 The start of 2010 has seen an increase in homelessness applications, in turn leading to an increase in the number of households in temporary accommodation. Prevention measures still remain effective but the increase in households requiring help, a number of these being cases where prevention is not possible, means that those accepted as statutorily homeless are increasing. This is happening at a time when the resources available, both in terms of government grants given to the Council to combat homelessness, as well as the Council's own resources are under increasing pressure.
- 2.3 A further complication is that the availability of the private rented sector (the most successful prevention tenure utilised by the Council) is likely to be reduced through imminent changes to the Housing Benefit system by central government. Together with the reduction in resources this is likely to reduce the Council's prevention options, potentially leading to higher rates of statutory homelessness and the number of households placed into temporary accommodation.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Homelessness prevention remains a priority so that the affects of homelessness, together with the use of temporary accommodation, are minimised. The outcomes achieved through the previous strategy show that

prevention works. The revised strategy focuses on maintaining and increasing these services in light of higher levels of demand.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Cabinet:

- i) comment on the content of the draft strategy; and
- ii) approve the draft Homelessness Strategy for wider consultation with partners, stakeholders and customers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities

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HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

October 2010

CONSULTATION DRAFT



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Introduction

This is the Council's third Homelessness Strategy. It looks back at the successes that have been achieved following the 2006 Strategy and looks forward to the way in which the Council aims to further develop services for households threatened with homelessness. The Homelessness Act 2002 requires all Councils to formulate a Homelessness Strategy at least every five years. Councils are required to carry out a homelessness review of their area and produce a strategy to:

- address the causes of homelessness in the area;
- introduce initiatives to prevent homelessness wherever possible;
- provide sufficient temporary accommodation for those households that are or may become homeless; and
- ensure that appropriate support is available for people who have previously experienced homelessness in order to prevent it happening again.

These strategic requirements sit neatly with one of the Council's six community aims: the provision of 'housing that meets individuals' needs'. There are in turn four corporate objectives that sit beneath this community aim, with the Council's work in all of these areas contributing directly or indirectly to the prevention of homelessness. The four corporate objectives are:

- to promote a well-maintained housing stock;
- to support opportunities for the vulnerable to live independently;
- to achieve a low level of homelessness; and
- to process Housing Benefit and Council Tax claims accurately and efficiently.

The Council will attempt to achieve a low level of homelessness by:

- helping prevent people from becoming homeless; and
- housing homeless people where appropriate.

This strategy reviews the successes achieved in contributing to these outcomes and highlights areas where further action is still needed. It incorporates all of these factors into a revised Action Plan.

Homelessness in Context

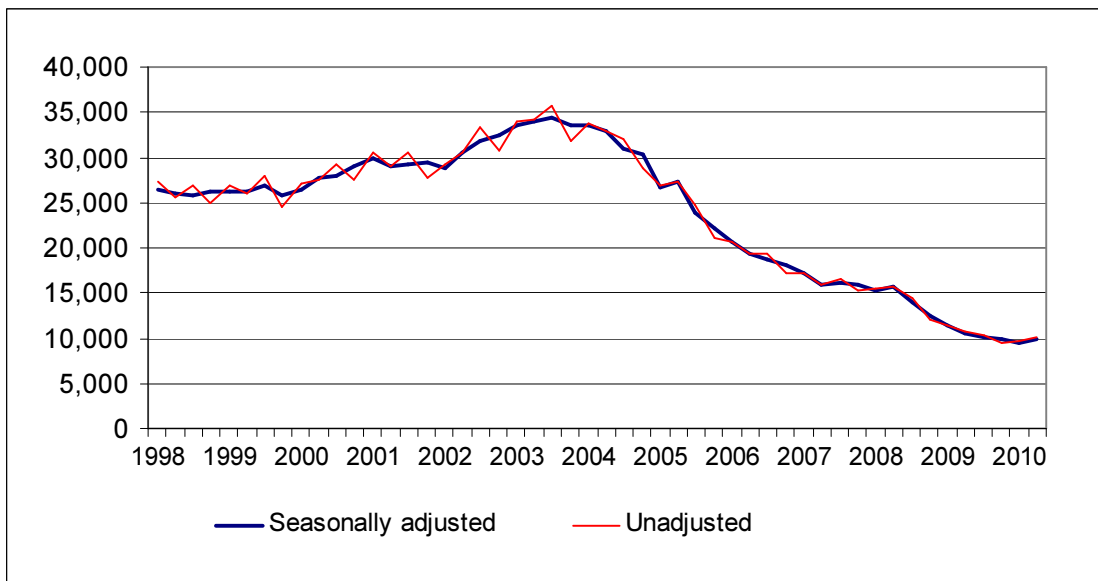
The National Picture

The number of households accepted as statutorily homeless by Councils in England peaked in 2003/04 at 135,430. Between 1997 and 2004 the number of households accommodated by Councils in temporary accommodation doubled, breaking the 100,000 mark in 2004. Homelessness moved further up the political agenda with the recognition that urgent action had to be taken to address the housing crisis, in particular the rate of homelessness within the country and the number of households in temporary accommodation.

The government’s policy briefing released in June 2005 focused on ways of achieving this target, particularly the increased use preventative measures and utilising the private rented sector as a source of settled accommodation. This drew together the examples of good practice where Councils had successfully introduced homelessness prevention measures and increased access to the private sector for many clients who may otherwise have been reliant on the limited stock of social rented housing.

We are now five years down the line since this change in emphasis. The trend of increasing numbers of households faced with homelessness was reversed and since 2003/04 the number of households accepted as homeless by Councils in England has dramatically decreased. The concern now is that nationally in the first quarter of 2010/11 there has been a reversal in the downward trend achieved over the last seven years. The big question is whether the current economic downturn will lead to significant increases in homelessness despite the prevention measures that have to date been very successful in reducing homelessness. The chart below illustrates the trend of reducing numbers of homeless households being assisted through the legislative safety net because they had no other alternative.

Graph 1: Households accepted by local authorities as owed a main homelessness duty each quarter, 1998 to March 2010, England



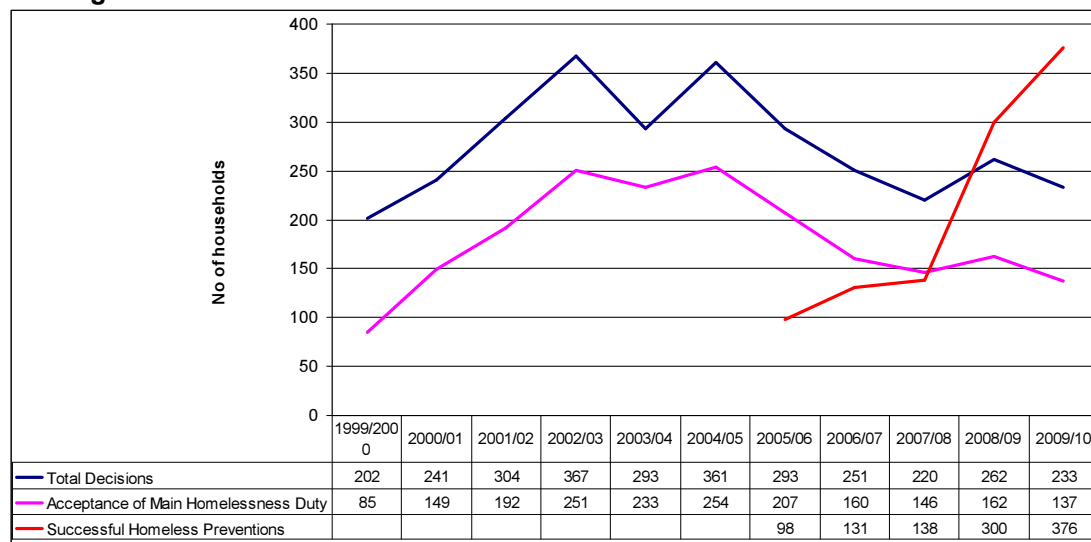
Source: CLG Housing Statistical Release June 2010

The Local Picture

Huntingdonshire has seen a similar trend to the national picture in terms of homelessness, although actually experiencing a peak in the actual number of homeless households a year earlier in 2002/03. Like the national picture, Huntingdonshire was successful in reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness in the subsequent years. The number of households accepted as homeless reduced by 45% from 251 in 2002/03 to 137 in 2009/10.

The graph below illustrates the success of reducing the number of households experiencing actual homelessness in Huntingdonshire, mainly achieved by an increasing number of successful homelessness prevention measures.

Graph 2: Total homelessness decisions, those that were accepted as statutorily homeless and successful homelessness preventions – no. of households for Huntingdonshire between 1999/2000 & 2009/10



The position in 2010 has now changed with the current economic climate starting to have a significant impact on homelessness within the district. The starkest of these statistics shows that the increasing threat of homelessness within the district has led to significantly higher numbers of households seeking advice about their housing difficulties. The Council's housing advice and options service has seen a 32% increase in customers (from 543 households seeking help with their housing between April and August in 2009/10 to 719 during the same period in 2010). The local Citizens Advice Bureaux have also seen an increase in the number of housing enquiries they have received in 2010 (an increase from 416 households in the first half of 2009/10 to 491 in the same period 2010/11).

This increasing number of customers inevitably leads to a higher number of households needing help through the legislation process as homelessness will not be prevented in all of these cases. The period from April to August 2010 has seen a 54% increase in the number of households considered as homeless compared to the previous year (128 households compared to 83 previously). Of these the Council accepted a full homelessness duty towards

72 households, a 47% increase on the 49 households accepted in the same period for the previous year.

Temporary Accommodation

The Council has a duty to provide certain homeless households with temporary housing whilst it attempts to help them resolve their housing difficulties. As with many high demand areas, the limited number of social rented properties available for letting and the increasing demands on these properties leads to homeless households having to spend longer than would be hoped for in temporary accommodation. Reducing the use of temporary accommodation and minimising the length of time households have to stay in this accommodation will remain a key priority for the Council in this Strategy.

The successful preventative measures led to a reduction in the number of households having to be placed in temporary accommodation from a peak of over 120 households in 2004 to 61 at the beginning of April 2009. The recent increase in homelessness has led to 90 households housed in temporary accommodation at the end of September 2010.

As well as concerns about the increasing numbers of households placed in temporary accommodation a further issue is that Council's ability to ensure that these households have the opportunities to move on into permanent housing, avoiding bed blocking of the temporary accommodation. Under normal circumstances this is through households accepted as homeless bidding for housing through the Home-Link scheme for available social rented properties. A proportion of households have issues that they firstly need to resolve before they are able to go through this route. They may have issues such as former tenant arrears with a housing association or support issues where a support package needs to be put in place for them to live independently. The Council works with households in these circumstances to make sure that their issues are resolved so that housing associations are willing to consider them for an offer of permanent housing. There is an increasing proportion of households with these types of issues potentially adding to bed blocking of temporary accommodation and requiring ongoing casework by the Council. At the end of September 2010 there were 36 households out of a total of 90 households in temporary accommodation that had issues that meant they were not able to nominate these households for permanent housing.

Case study 1: Mr and Mrs P and their two children had been privately renting a house in St Neots for two years when their landlord gave them notice to leave. It was the landlord's only property and he no longer thought it worthwhile renting out the property and he wanted to release the equity that he had in the property. Despite working with the family to try and find an alternative privately rented property we were unable to do this before the landlord required possession and so we had a duty to provide the family with temporary accommodation. They were placed in bed and breakfast in Huntingdon whilst we tried to find them more suitable temporary housing and continued to try and help them find a new home in the privately rented sector. The placement in B&B meant the family were moved away from Mr P's job and the family support network they had in St Neots. As well as the social

cost, although the family were eligible for some help with Housing Benefit the financial cost was not insignificant. This was also a costly option to the Council as it was not able to recover through the subsidy arrangements with central government all the Housing Benefit it paid to Mr and Mrs P.

The Causes Of Homelessness.

The main causes of homelessness within the district are consistent with the national picture: eviction by parents, other relatives and friends; end of private sector tenancies; and relationship breakdown (violent and non-violent) being the main causes. Eviction by parents, other relatives or friends asking people to leave their home continues to be the single largest cause of homelessness in the district. This accounts for almost a third of all homelessness, both nationally and at a local level.

Almost a quarter of homelessness is as a result of relationship breakdown with a proportion of this being as a result of domestic violence. Households losing their private sector tenancies are the third largest cause of homelessness in the district although this figure has been reducing over the last three years. The break down of causes of homelessness within the district is shown in the table below.

Table 1: Causes of homelessness In Huntingdonshire – No. of households accepted by actual cause of homelessness.

Year	Eviction by parent, other relative or friend	Relationship breakdown (of which involve violence)	Mortgage arrears	Loss of private rented housing	Other causes	Total
2008/09	59	28 (17)	15	37	23	162
2009/10	48	32 (20)	6	27	24	137
2010/09 Apr-Sept	38	15 (6)	5	30	6	94

In terms of the type of households faced with homelessness, both nationally and locally approximately 70% are families either with children or where they are expecting their first child. This may lead to family upheaval with children being placed into temporary accommodation a distance from schools and families being moved away from their support networks.

Single people with mental health issues make up on average 8 to 10% of the households accepted as homelessness, with young people (16 and 17 year olds) making up 6 to 7%. There are no discernable trends with homelessness amongst differing household types and this picture is mirrored nationally. However, anecdotal evidence locally suggests that there are an increasing number of young people facing the threat of homelessness but successful prevention work with them, for example helping them into a placement in an appropriate supported housing scheme means that they may not appear in the homelessness statistics mentioned above.

Huntingdonshire has in recent years attracted significant numbers of migrant workers to the area. A concern was that given the economic downturn and increasing unemployment the migrant worker population may suffer the knock on effect of homelessness if they did become unemployed. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the migrant worker population's first tenure of choice appears to be privately renting. There have been relatively few migrant worker households that have ended up becoming homeless as they have managed to resolve their own needs in the private rented sector, some with the help of the Rent Deposit Scheme. The first half of 2010/11 has seen a slight increase in homelessness amongst these households. The table below gives the figures and this will continue to be monitored to see if migrant workers appear to be having a disproportionate problem with homelessness in the district.

Table 2: No. of households accepted as homeless in Huntingdonshire by nationality – 2008/09 onwards.

Year	UK nationals	Other nationals	EEA*	Non EEA	Total
2008/09	155	5		2	162
2009/10	126	10		1	137
Apr-Sept 10/11	93	8		2	103

*EEA: European Economic Area is member states of the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Delivering a successful housing advice and options service

The lifetime of the previous strategy witnessed times of economic growth followed by recession leading to higher unemployment, lower property prices but restrictions in lending by the banks. A housing advice and options service is in demand in prosperous economic times as well as times of economic downturn. When times are good a prosperous property market leads to higher prices meaning that many people on lower incomes are priced out of the market, unable to get their feet on the first rung of the property ladder. Their housing options may be limited because of this and if faced with housing difficulties they may see social rented housing as the only affordable option open to them.

In times of recession, particularly when the availability of credit and mortgage products are limited, combined with higher levels of unemployment, affordability is also an issue for many households. The difference is that those faced with housing difficulties may be struggling to afford to keep their existing home for example if they become unemployed or struggling to find a new home if previously readily available credit for mortgages becomes limited. In these circumstances many may see social rented housing as their only affordable option and so approach the Council for help.

The Council has a legal duty to ensure that there is a free advice and information service about homelessness and the prevention of homelessness in the district. It also has a duty to take reasonable steps to make sure that

accommodation continues to be available for someone who is threatened with homelessness and is likely to have a priority need under the terms of the homelessness legislation. The Code Of Guidance that accompanies the homelessness legislation goes further in that it states that Councils should offer a broad range of advice and assistance and not wait until homelessness is a likelihood or imminent before taking action.

The housing advice and options approach adopted by the Council is similar to that used successfully by many Councils over the last few years. The first step is to consider whether the Council is able to work with the household to resolve whatever the issue may be and try and help them stay in their current home. This could be by:

- Negotiating with family and friends, including use of mediation
- Negotiating with private landlords and agents
- Negotiating with mortgage lenders
- Referral to the mortgage support and rescue schemes
- Assisting with maximising their income, for example help with applying for benefits
- Property improvements, for example through the Sanctuary scheme, or adaptations

Where a person's homelessness cannot be prevented we consider what their other housing options are. This will include a full range of advice on the different tenures available including privately renting, low cost home ownership options and socially renting, and what assistance may be available to help them with the most appropriate of these options.

Within this structure of 'prevention followed by alternative housing options' the Council decided to introduce a range of initiatives that it believed would be most appropriate to help customers. The following are the most successful initiatives used with case studies of how these have helped particular households:

1. **The Court Advocacy Service** – the Council provides an advocacy service at the County Court to help households defend possession claims, for example on grounds of mortgage arrears and rent arrears. The purpose of the service is to ensure that all steps are taken to try and resolve the issues so that the household can remain in their home and that eviction and repossession are the very last resort. The Council has taken on a greater role with this work since the independent law centre in the district that previously attended the Court went out of business. The Council was able to recruit one of the law centre's specialist advisors to continue with this work with the help of the Homelessness Prevention Grant from central government. This grant is only guaranteed until the end of 2010/11 and additional funding may need to be identified to continue with this service if government withdraws the grant funding.

Negotiations with landlords and mortgage lenders through the Court Advocacy Service, or earlier where possible, may require relatively small payments to be made in the form of a grant or a loan. The Council

considers making these types of payments through its Homelessness Prevention Budget where homelessness can be prevented and this provides the best outcome for the family and provides a longer term, affordable solution for the household.

Case study 2: Mr A from St Ives is a construction worker who suffered a downturn in earnings due to a reduction in work at the same time as his partner required a serious operation and became too ill to work. As their income dropped they fell into mortgage arrears totalling £15,000. We negotiated with their lender, prepared a financial statement and manageable budget, we then represented them at the court hearing and achieved a suspension of a warrant of eviction. A homelessness situation was avoided that would have been through no fault of their own. The family were able to remain in their home and as Mr A is confident of getting more work over the coming months their income and financial position should improve further.

2. **The Rent Deposit / Rent In Advance Scheme** – where it is not possible to help a household remain in their current home this is the most successful initiative that helps them find a new home. The scheme provides either an interest free loan or bond to cover the up front costs associated with taking on a private sector tenancy. These costs can often be restrictive for many and as privately rented accommodation tends to be the most readily available tenure in the district, giving a helping hand to secure this type of property means that many households are able to find a new home, avoiding actual homelessness altogether.

Where a household is not able to afford other associated costs with taking on a tenancy, such as the administration or credit check fees, the Council is able to make further payments from its Homelessness Prevention Budget if this is the only barrier to helping a household into a tenancy and avoids the need for a homeless situation.

Case study 3: Mr and Mrs B fell into mortgage arrears when Mr B's business failed and he was declared bankrupt. Their mortgage lender threatened Court action and their property was in the process of being repossessed when they sought advice and help from the Council. Unfortunately there was nothing that could be done to save their home but we were able to help them find a privately rented property with a private landlord. The landlord's property had been brought back into use with the assistance of a Repairs Assistance Loan from the Council. The Council helped Mr and Mrs B through the Rent Deposit scheme by offering the landlord a bond and the family moved into the property avoiding an actual homelessness situation.

3. **Young Persons Mediation Service** – the Council funds Cambridge and District Mediation Service to provide a service for young people threatened with homelessness as a result of a breakdown in their relationship with their parents. The aim is to reconcile the young person with their parent so that they can return/remain at home and address the issues that led to the break down in the first place. Mediation can be very difficult as the breakdown in relationship has often reached such a severe

stage that full reconciliation is not possible. Where this is not possible the service may help with a more managed move away from home for the young person so that an emergency homelessness situation is avoided by the parent agreeing to keep the young person for longer.

Case study 4: Miss T was a 17 year old whose relationship with her parents deteriorated to the extent that they asked her to leave home. The family were willing to try and rebuild their relationships and accepted the offer of mediation. As a result of talking through their differences and accepting compromises Miss T was able to go back home and maintain a more constructive relationship with her parents. This avoided an unnecessary homelessness situation.

Unfortunately where the Council is unable to prevent a household's homelessness situation, or help them find alternative housing through the other options outlined above, then the safety net of the homelessness legislation means that the Council may have a duty to help them through the social rented housing route. As mentioned earlier, in 2009/10 a total of 137 households were owed the full housing duty through this route and from April to the end of August 2010 there have already been 103 households owed this duty.

Case study 5: Mrs P lived in Ramsey with her three children. She had been left with a number of debts since her husband's death some years previously and had been struggling to manage the mortgage for some time, falling into mortgage arrears. She was reliant upon Widow's Allowance and could not work due to a disability. The Council worked with her to try and prevent an outright possession order on her home but it was not an affordable option and so repossession was inevitable. The Council therefore considered what help it could offer her under the terms of the homelessness legislation. She was owed a full housing duty under the legislation as she had become homeless through no fault of her own and she is been assisted into social rented housing through the Home-Link scheme.

Achievements since the last Strategy

The previous Strategy action plan had four main objectives:

1. Preventing homelessness by maintaining households in their current home wherever possible.
2. Providing a range of accessible and affordable housing options across all tenures.
3. Reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation.
4. Improving performance management, organisational efficiency and cross boundary collaboration.

Achievements against this action plan include:

- Introducing a homelessness prevention budget that allows advisors to make relatively small payments in their proactive work to prevent homelessness.

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- Improving links with the County Court and expanding the court advocacy service to cover mortgage repossessions as well as social rented possession hearings.
- Jointly funding a specialist debt advisor at the local Citizens Advice Bureau and establishing a referral process to this service.
- Increasing the number of households assisted into private rented tenancies through the Rent Deposit/Rent In Advance scheme.
- Introducing help with payments for credit and reference checks for homeless households trying to secure private rented accommodation who do not have the funds available.
- Maintaining a Sanctuary scheme in partnership with other Councils in the county to assist victims of domestic violence.
- Converting a proportion of temporary properties to permanent homes, allowing settled families to remain in properties where they may have lived for sometime.
- Establishing an emergency crash bed provision for young people at Paines Mill and funding move on units for residents of the scheme.
- Jointly funding a Family Intervention Project for families that require intensive support to break the cycle of anti social behaviour, offending and potential homelessness.
- Introducing a sub regional Choice Based Lettings scheme (the Home-Link scheme) to provide a more transparent means of accessing social rented housing and ensuring this assists homeless households and those threatened with homelessness.
- Enabling the delivery of 660 new social rented properties over the last from April 2008 to the end of September 2010.
- Enabling move on opportunities for residents of the various supported housing schemes within the district, such as the young persons and ex-offenders schemes.
- Successfully jointly bidding for Enhanced Housing Options programme funding through government, to develop the Home-Link scheme to provide a wider range of options and services.
- Participating in the development of a sub regional homelessness action plan and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on homelessness to improve multi agency and cross boundary working to tackle homelessness and its effects.

Redefining the aims and objectives of the Strategy

There were many successful achievements within the lifetime of the previous strategy as outlined in earlier sections of this document. These contributed to the four high level objectives of:

1. Preventing homelessness by maintaining households in their current home wherever possible.
2. Providing a range of accessible and affordable housing options across all tenures.
3. Reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation.
4. Improving performance management, organisational efficiency and cross boundary collaboration.

These objectives remain very relevant in the current climate. The provision of proactive services to help households avoid homelessness altogether, or minimise the detrimental affects should homelessness be unavoidable, remain at the heart of what the Council aims to achieve for the residents of the district. The challenge will be to continue, and build on the successes of what has already been achieved, within a harsher economic climate where resources have to be stretched even further.

The Council recognises the significant social hardship that homelessness has on the households affected. It also recognises that there is a significant monetary cost to households as well as to the Council via its statutory duties towards the homeless. Many of the services and initiatives provided by the Council can offer better value in terms of preventing homelessness compared to dealing with the aftermath of actual homelessness. The Council therefore recognises the importance of achieving positive outcomes for households threatened with homelessness. To keep the focus squarely on the prevention of homelessness or minimising its impact if this is unavoidable, the four outcomes from the previous strategy have been carried forward to this strategy.

Considering some of the key aspects of each of these objectives in turn:

1. **Preventing homelessness by maintaining households in their current home wherever possible.**

We currently have in place:

- **A Court advocacy service** for housing association tenants facing eviction due to rent arrears and home owners facing repossession due to mortgage arrears. This service is provided by a specialist advisor through short term grant funding.
- **A Homelessness Prevention Budget** to be able to make relatively small payments that

We aim to:

- Identify funding & resources to be able to continue with this valuable service that offers both last minute and early interventions for households facing court action.
- Identify funding to be able to continue with this grant should the payment from central

prevent homelessness. This is funded through a grant provided by central government that may not continue beyond 2010/11.

government no longer be available.

- **A young persons' mediation service** for those threatened with homelessness because of a relationship breakdown with parents.
- **Discretionary Housing Payments** through the Housing Benefit department to help with the shortfall in entitlement in certain circumstances so that a claimant has time to find more affordable alternative housing.
- Review the provision of this service, considering commissioning the service with neighbouring Councils as well as Children's Services at the County Council.
- Review with the Housing Benefit department any increase in DHP grant that the Council may receive can be best used to minimise the threat of homelessness on households affected by changes in the Housing Benefit system

Our other priorities in this area are to:

- Review the success of the new operational arrangements of the Young Persons' Protocol with Children's Services following changes made to it in early 2010 in light of new caselaw.
- Implement a vulnerable persons' protocol with housing providers to ensure a joined up approach to the prevention of homelessness amongst, for example, vulnerable housing association tenants.

2. Providing a range of accessible and affordable housing options across all tenures.

We currently have in place:

- **A Rent Deposit / Rent In Advance scheme** that provides an interest free loan or bond to help with the upfront costs associated with taking on a private tenancy.
- **Payments for credit & reference checks** for households threatened with homelessness who have found a private sector tenancy. This is funded through a grant

We aim to:

- Ensure the scheme continues to be available to households threatened with homelessness as this scheme has been the most successful means of preventing homelessness.
- Identify funding to be able to continue with this scheme should the grant from central government no longer be available.

provided by central government that may not continue beyond 2010/11.

Our other priorities in this area are to:

- Develop the Home-Link scheme to provide a wider range of options and services. This forms part of the Enhanced Housing Options programme mentioned earlier in the strategy that aims to use the Home-Link scheme and website to deliver:
 - A private rented website that allows landlords to advertise their available properties
 - Links to information on low cost home ownership options as well as rented options
 - Links to employment advice
 - A personalised front page to the website that considers a person's circumstances and provides them with relevant and targeted advice to meet their needs

3. **Reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation.** This will be achieved by reducing the number of households requiring temporary accommodation through successful prevention and options work outlined above. This is not always possible and temporary accommodation is frequently required and so this objective will be redefined to include work on ensuring that appropriate accommodation is provided wherever possible.

We currently have in place:

- **Crash bed units** that provide emergency accommodation for homeless young people at Paines Mill Foyer in St Neots. This is far more appropriate emergency accommodation than the use of B&B.
- Coneygear Court that provides 26 units of temporary accommodation. The scheme has shared facilities and is an outdated model of provision

We aim to:

- Replicate this model of provision at Kings Ripton Court in Huntingdon by working in partnership with the Salvation Army, the provider at that scheme. This will mean ensuring that the resources are available to deliver and maintain this type of provision.
- Investigate the options for updating the scheme so that each of the units has use of its own facilities.

Our other priorities in this area are to:

- Introduce a supported lodgings scheme in partnership with the City and District Councils in Cambridgeshire as well as the County Council. The aim will be to recruit a range of host landlords willing

to provide emergency temporary accommodation to a variety of different homeless people.

4. Performance management, organisational efficiency and cross boundary collaboration.

The current economic climate places even greater pressures on the housing advice and options service, not only because of greater numbers of customer relying on it for advice and help but also due to imminent funding cuts as a result of government's Comprehensive Spending Review. Improved performance, better organisational efficiency and collaborating with other Councils to deliver services and achieve better value for money are vitally important in light of these funding restrictions.

Our priorities in this area are to:

- Continue to participate in the development of the Home-Link scheme and investigate what efficiencies can be delivered through sub regional working.
- Review the performance data produced to ensure that it is most relevant to use as a tool to analyse efficiency and value for money against the outcomes achieved for customers.

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Action Plan

Objective 1 - Prevent homelessness by maintaining households in their current home wherever possible

Action	Target	Resources
Maintain a Court advocacy service to assist households faced with possession action.	Ensure that the service continues beyond June 2011 when the current funding may end.	To be identified
Maintain a homelessness prevention budget for advice and options officers to make use of in their proactive work.	Ensure that the budget continues beyond March 2011 when the current funding may end.	Budget from existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. Bid made for HDC resources if government cuts the grant.
Review the provision of a young persons' mediation service.	Review the service and consider commissioning with the other Cambridgeshire Councils. Current agreement runs to June 2011	Budget from existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. To be identified if this ends.
31 Review the Discretionary Housing Payment policy with the Housing Benefit Department to ensure it is targeted at households most likely to be under threat of homelessness.	To complete the review by April 2011	Within existing resources
Review the operational arrangements of the Young Persons' Protocol with Children's Services.	To complete the review by April 2011	Within existing resources
Implement a vulnerable persons' protocol with housing providers to ensure a joined up approach to homelessness prevention	By September 2011	Within existing resources

Objective 2 – Providing a range of accessible and affordable housing options across all tenures

Action	Target	Resources
Maintain the Rent Deposit / Rent In Advance scheme for households accessing private rented tenancies. Review the budget requirements to maintain the scheme.	Ensure that the budget continues beyond March 2011 when the current funding may end.	Budget from existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. To be identified if this ends.
Develop the Home-Link scheme to provide a	To be delivered in line with the Home-Link	Budget provision already identified and

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wider range of options as part of an Enhanced Housing Options service. To include: A private rented property website Low cost home ownership options Employment Advice A personalised website offering targeted advice		Enhanced Housing Options sub regional work plan.	committed.
Objective 3 – Reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation			
Action		Target	Resources
Work with the Salvation Army to introduce emergency crash bed units at Kings Ripton Court		To have in place by December 2011	Budget from existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. To be identified if this ends.
Investigate the options for the remodelling or reprovision of Coneygear Court to provide self contained temporary accommodation.		To investigate options and feasibility by March 2010	Resources to be identified.
32 Introduce a supported lodgings scheme in partnership with the other Cambridgeshire Councils, including the County Council		To have in place by December 2011	Resources to be identified.
Utilise the direct let options within the Council's Lettings Policy to ensure sufficient households move through temporary accommodation.		To have in place by 2010	Within existing resources.
Objective 4 – Performance management, organisational efficiency and cross boundary collaboration			
Action/Aim		Target	Resources
Investigate what efficiencies can be achieved through working sub regionally on the development of the Home-Link housing options scheme.		To be delivered in line with the Home-Link sub regional work plan.	Resources or efficiencies to be identified.
Review the performance data produced to ensure efficiency and value for money against outcomes achieved for customers.		Complete review of performance data and potential for benchmarking by December 2011	Resources or efficiencies to be identified.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN
(Report by the Heads of Housing Services and Planning Services)**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet endorsement of the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan (CLIP) prior to final approval by Cambridgeshire Horizons Board in December 2010.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan has been developed as part of the 'single conversation' with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).
- 2.2 The single conversation was launched by the HCA in 2008 and is their place-based business model designed to achieve more efficient investment delivery in line with locally determined priorities. Now known as the Local Investment Plan, the HCA produced guidelines to support Local Authorities in drafting their plans.
- 2.3 A Local Investment Plan should include:
- alignment and coherence of local strategies and targets;
 - a clear and consistent narrative "golden thread" about the rationale for the investment priorities, including a key evidence base and link with strategic challenges identified;
 - a framework for making choices and determining priorities to deliver strategic outcomes with limited resources.
- 2.4 For Cambridgeshire it was agreed that the development of the CLIP would be led jointly between the HCA and Cambridgeshire Horizons, with LAs feeding their information into the process utilising current evidence, including the Huntingdonshire Core Strategy,, Housing Strategy and Local Investment Framework. The draft CLIP has been approved by Cambridgeshire Horizons Board and is now out for consultation (Annex A) with the five district councils, the County Council and other partners prior to formal approval by the Horizons Board in December 2010.
- 2.5 Following approvals the HCA will undertake internal checking and validation of the CLIP. When the CLIP has been finalised the next stage will be the drafting of Local Investment Agreements between the HCA and LAs, which are scheduled for completion by the end of March 2011.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet consider and endorse the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Reflections on the single conversation – HCA
Local Investment Plans – Core Elements – HCA
Huntingdonshire Core Strategy 2009
Huntingdonshire Local Investment Framework 2009

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1 Executive summary

1.1 Introduction

Local Investment Planning is a business process introduced by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to address priorities at a local level. The aim of the Local Investment Plan is to produce an agreement between the HCA and local authorities, encompassing a range of housing, infrastructure, regeneration and community activities. The Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan (CLIP) includes the priorities that have been identified by Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council; whilst setting out the shared visions and objectives for the whole of the county. It draws on a number of existing strategies and plans, as set out in the diagram below.



Diagram 1: The CLIP in context

The CLIP has been prepared by the HCA, Cambridgeshire Horizons and Cambridgeshire local authorities, in partnership with the Cambridge Sub Regional Housing Board (CRHB). Overall governance of the CLIP is provided by the Cambridgeshire Horizons Board and CRHB.

Cambridgeshire Horizons is the local delivery vehicle for the growth agenda in Cambridgeshire; its Board includes representatives from six local authorities, as well as stakeholders from housing associations and representatives from business, education, and health. The purpose of the partnership is to help deliver the vision shared by local and central government to create sustainable and vibrant new communities in Cambridgeshire.

CRHB deals with housing issues in partnership across Cambridgeshire and two neighbouring Suffolk districts of St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath. These two districts have developed separate Local Investment Plans, following HCA guidance.

Approval of the CLIP will happen through Horizons Board and CRHB. Implementation of projects and programmes identified will be undertaken by one or more partners working individually or in partnership. Progress will be reported back to the two overall governance bodies.

The objective of this CLIP is to address the need for investment across Cambridgeshire whilst encompassing the key objectives of the HCA by delivering sustainable growth and regeneration, and representing excellent value for money.

The CLIP seeks to demonstrate that Cambridgeshire remains committed, ambitious and resilient to the challenging agenda of housing expansion and economic development. Growth and regeneration projects in the county can succeed, despite the economic downturn and reduction in available public funding over the coming years. In order to ensure that the CLIP is a concise document, it is structured as a framework, with signposts to detailed work that has already been completed. The proposed new town of Northstowe is a significant project for the HCA and will be subject to a separate Local Investment Plan.

1.2 Our priorities

Our vision is for Cambridgeshire to be a county of strong, growing, prosperous and inclusive communities supported by excellent services where people can fulfill their potential; live longer, healthier lifestyles; and influence decision-making¹. The economic success of the county has put pressure on infrastructure capacity and housing affordability; therefore in order to deliver this vision, the county is planning significant housing growth and infrastructure investment.

In order to deliver this ambitious vision in the context of reduced public finances, the local authorities of Cambridgeshire are forging ahead with the formation of a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This will include adjacent local authorities within the functional economic area, including Peterborough, King's Lynn, Rutland, Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury, Uttlesford, and North Hertfordshire. The LEP will lead the growth of this significant economic area, supporting businesses and creating new jobs. As part of the implementation work for the LEP, the partnership will put together a big for Regional Growth Fund, setting out the value to be gained by investing in this successful and innovative area. For more information and updates, please visit www.yourlocalenterprisepartnership.co.uk.

¹ From Cambridgeshire's Sustainable Community Strategy

Cambridgeshire has a challenging growth agenda, and the CLIP forms part of the response to the pressures facing all six local authorities. The plan focuses predominantly on what is needed to deliver affordable housing and sustainable communities over the next three years. Strategic priorities for the longer term are included, where known.

1.3 How the CLIP has developed

The development of the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan has been shaped by the aims of the HCA and the six local authorities of Cambridgeshire. The HCA asked that local authorities prepare LIPs to guide their funding decisions, providing context and evidence of need, sustainability and value for money. Initial guidance stated that:

The Single Conversation will make connections between housing and regeneration need, market opportunity, planning policy, land supply and development viability. It will move from strategy and the identification of opportunities for intervention, to the required investment, and capacity for delivery. The aim is to reach agreement on the content of a Local Investment Plan. The Plan will articulate the shared priorities of the local partners, the HCA and other partner agencies [...] as a single local plan.²

Initial meetings to kick off the CLIP were held in December 2009 and February 2010. These discussions agreed that Cambridgeshire already has a robust evidence base for housing and infrastructure need and established joint working structures provide a strong basis for delivery, providing a firm basis for a county-wide plan. It was decided to structure the CLIP as a framework document, with signposts to more detailed work than repetition of existing material.

The Growth Partnership Board, a group including representatives from all six local authorities, and CRHB both discussed an outline CLIP in March 2010 and provided comments. Once the outline had been developed the process of populating the document with local authority strategic priorities began. A pro forma was produced with input from partners, and in June 2010 Chief Executives of each local authority in Cambridgeshire were asked to provide information on priorities for investment using a pro forma for each project. The authorities then completed the proformas in consultation with partner agencies, Registered Providers, colleagues in planning, economic development, housing and community involvement teams. During this period, further work on the framework and evidence base of the document.

All the local authorities met the deadline for proformas, towards the end of August 2010. The preparation of proformas required rapid co-ordination of a number of disciplines and policy areas within local authorities, and the impressive effort that this required should not be underplayed. Once complete, the proformas were amalgamated into spreadsheets so as to provide summary information for the CLIP. A meeting was held with the HCA to discuss the contents of the proformas and it was agreed to divide them into themes for clarity.

After the CLIP had been populated with summaries of priorities for each local authority, an updated draft was circulated to officer stakeholders; the Growth Partnership Board, Sub-regional Housing Board, and Housing Enablers Group. This provided a further opportunity for comment in advance of the Cambridgeshire Horizons Board, held at the end of September 2010.

² The Single Conversation Guidance Framework - http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/public/documents/HCA_single_conversation240709.pdf

At this meeting, the Board approved consultation of the current draft through internal local authority processes subject to some further amendment. Once all comments had been incorporated from this consultation process, the CLIP would be approved by the Horizons Board in December 2010. The finished CLIP provides context for future funding discussions with the HCA. Once the plan has been agreed by each local authority, work can begin on district level agreements regarding specific levels of future investment.

1.4 Next Steps

Once agreed, the CLIP will remain live and evolving, and will be reviewed approximately every six months to take account of changing circumstances. The review process will reflect the way the plan was produced, fully involving stakeholders including the Growth Partnership Board, Sub-regional Housing Board, and Housing Enablers.

The outcome of the October 2010 Spending Review will provide more information regarding future budgets; this will allow more effective targeting and prioritisation within the CLIP. Future versions of the plan will reflect this, as well as institutional changes.

The role of the HCA is also expected to evolve in coming years, to become a smaller strategic enabling and investment agency with a localist approach. It will work with local authorities to achieve their ambitions, by providing support over and above what they can provide for themselves, where it represents good value for public money, and where it isn't possibly for the private sector to deliver on their own. The HCA will continue to focus on housing growth and affordability, making best use of existing stock, and place-making & regeneration.

During this period of change, the HCA will continue to deliver against core programmes, maximising affordable housing supply and creating thriving communities.

It is also expected that the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership will have a role in future funding discussions.

Governance arrangements for the CLIP may therefore change in order to involve the LEP.

2 Cambridgeshire context

2.1 Geography and demography

The CLIP relates to the administrative county of Cambridgeshire. The six local authorities are approaching Local Investment Planning as a partnership, rather than an individual district-led task. This decision was taken given the strong existing structures in place and the cross-boundary nature of housing growth, economic and infrastructure issues within the county.

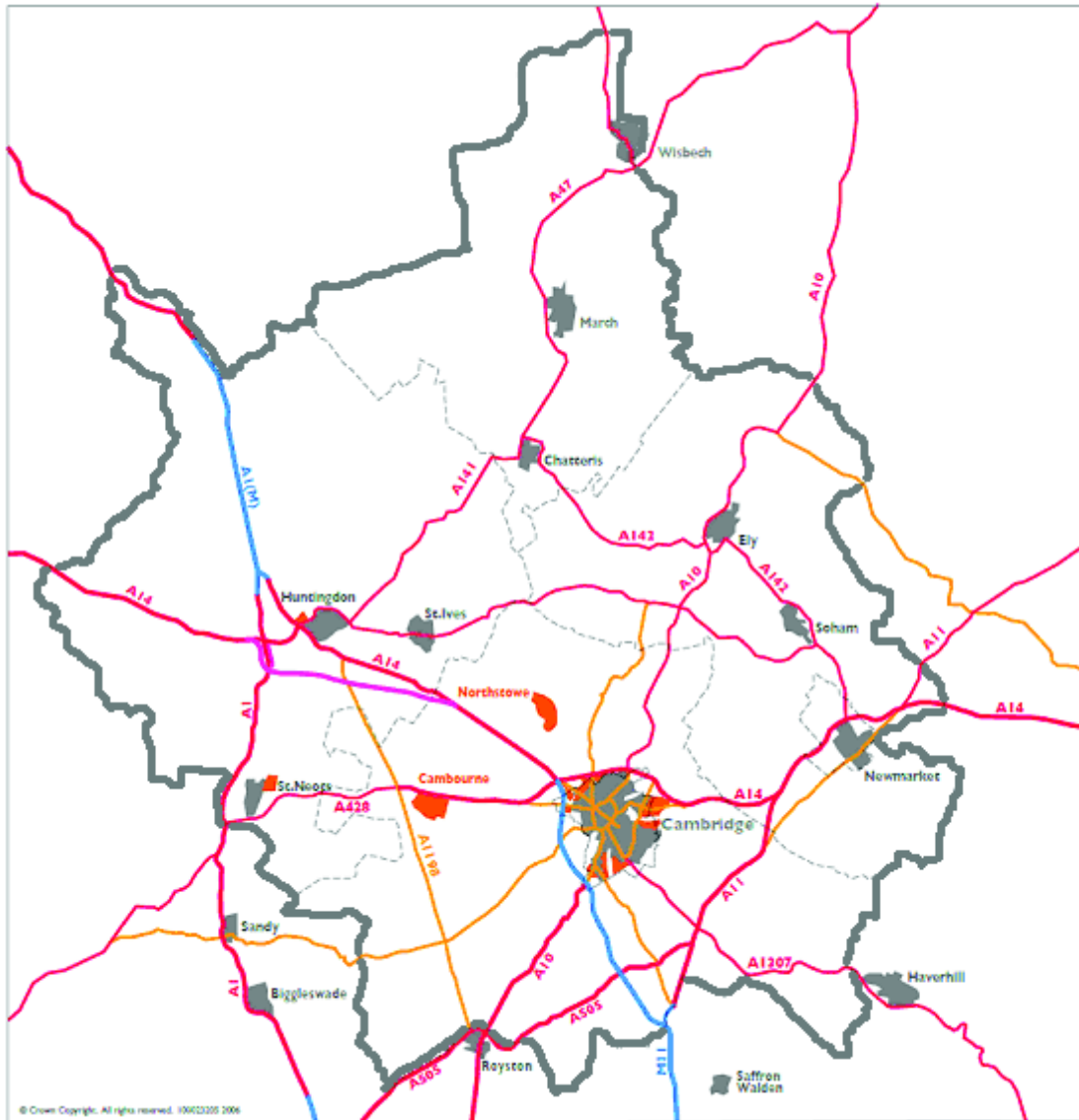


Diagram 2: Map of LIP area

The county's settlement pattern is strongly influenced by the city of Cambridge, which accounts for nearly 20% of the total population of around 600,000. Cambridge plays an important regional role and is of national and international importance for its outstanding historic character, as a centre of learning and research, and because of its emergence as an internationally significant cluster for high technology industries. The northern part of Cambridgeshire is primarily influenced by Peterborough, which lies just outside the county boundary. The larger market towns of Wisbech and March are the main focus for economic and social life within this area.

2.2 The growth agenda

The vision for the county, stemming from the 2003 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan, is:

'to continue to develop as a centre of excellence and world leader in higher education and research, fostering the dynamism, prosperity and further expansion of the knowledge-based economy spreading outwards from Cambridge. The historic character and setting of Cambridge should be protected and enhanced, together with the character and setting of the market towns and other settlements and the important environmental qualities of the surrounding area'.

Case study: Cambridgeshire's growth strategy - long term localism

The need for sustainable housing has been recognised and driven forward locally for many years. As far back as 1999, the County and City Councils, with other partners supported the 'Cambridge Futures' project, which won the RTPI award of Innovation in Planning in 2000. This looked at alternative forms of expansion and enabled an informed debate prior to the development of the Structure Plan. Public consultation showed a clear appetite for growth, with less than a fifth of respondents wanting Cambridge and its environs to remain unchanged.

The development of the Structure Plan and subsequent district local planning policy has been based on extensive community engagement with residents, local groups, businesses and other stakeholders. There has been widespread publicity and awareness-raising, public attitudes surveys and public exhibitions, alongside consultation at every step. Particular efforts have been made to involve hard-to-reach groups and consultees' views have been taken into account as much as possible.

Through this careful and considered process, a local consensus has emerged. The councils are working together with Cambridgeshire Horizons in order to achieve high quality, sustainable growth, featuring a strong emphasis on affordable housing, thriving communities and green spaces.

The Structure Plan included a hierarchy of sustainable new communities, establishing that new homes should be linked into existing public transport networks, service centres, and employment opportunities wherever possible. This hierarchy stated that new urban extensions to Cambridge should be developed with strong links into the city, followed by a new settlement at Northstowe with a high-quality public transport link to Cambridge and Huntingdon (the Guided Busway). Extensions to the market towns are also an important part of the growth agenda, but need to be proportionate to the infrastructure capacity and economic activity in the vicinity, in order to avoid entrenching unsustainable living and working patterns.

Transport is thus a key consideration for the growth agenda, as key sections of the existing road and rail network are regularly at capacity. In-depth analysis of the impact of transport congestion and requirements for investment has taken place, notably the 2008 Transport Economic Evidence Study (TEES) and local work on Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTs). This work is summarised in the Integrated Development Programme, which includes a package of strategic transport investments required to support new communities.

The growth agenda for Cambridgeshire offers a uniquely attractive package for investment in delivering sustainable communities, including:

- Acute and strongly-evidenced housing need, as shown in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and reflected in the regional economic and spatial strategies, so that demand for housing remains strong and the market will bounce back more quickly once the recession eases.
- An economy that is relatively resilient in the face of difficult macro-economic circumstances, with high levels of employment and good future growth potential.
- A shared vision across authorities and political parties to deliver high-quality growth, with a clear indication of where growth and infrastructure will come forward.
- A suite of major housing development sites that have made major progress despite the downturn, and which represent excellent prospects for delivering a return on investment.
- Well-established partnership mechanisms, co-ordinated through Cambridgeshire Horizons as a well-established Local Delivery Vehicle and joint planning arrangements are in place for some of the key developments in the south of the county, which draw together the County Council, City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.
- A track-record of innovation and flexibility, and the vision to embrace radical new solutions to delivering new homes and communities.
- A strong commitment to delivering quality in our new settlements, backed up by a strong analytical base through our quality of life studies, our Quality Charter for Growth, our Strategic Housing Market Assessment, our Integrated Development Programme and emerging Local Investment Frameworks (which operate at the local planning authority level).

New growth in Cambridgeshire will take the form of major new developments as well as smaller infill housing sites. Sustainable new communities will be created on the fringes of Cambridge, with strong links into the city. Extensions to the market towns around Cambridgeshire, including Ely and St Neots, are planned.

These major new developments will deliver many thousands of homes, with additional units coming forward in smaller infill sites where there is capacity around the county. Rural housing is also vital to sustainable development across Cambridgeshire, and though smaller in scale has a significant effect on local housing markets and economies.

2.3 Economy and employment

Cambridgeshire has a strong economy, with largely high levels of economic activity and skills compared to national and regional averages. However, pockets of lower attainment remain to be tackled. The vision for economic development is ambitious, as it encompasses the international pre-eminence of Cambridge as a global high tech cluster which requires investment in homes and infrastructure. At the same time, quality of life is of vital importance. Cambridgeshire must retain its unique character as a particularly attractive place in which to live and work, as this is critical for retaining and attracting firms to the area, and enabling those firms to recruit the necessary highly-skilled and mobile employees.

Case study: Joint planning

The Cambridge Southern Fringe is a new urban extension to the southern edge of Cambridge, spanning the administrative boundary of Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The development site is adjacent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, a growing employment hub for the City. The development will provide approximately 4,000 new homes in total with 40% affordable housing in line with local planning policy.

There are several residential areas within the proposed development. Trumpington Meadows was the first to obtain outline planning approval, followed by Clay Farm. Glebe Farm has secured full planning permission. In addition to new housing the development will also provide secondary and primary schools; community, sport and recreation facilities; local shops; public open space, including allotments; and improved transport connections.

Planning applications for the Southern Fringe sites have been considered by a Joint Development Control Committee, the membership of which includes councillors from Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridgeshire County Council. Joint working between the authorities has been vital to secure a sustainable new community on the site.

Although the county cannot remain immune from the impact of global economic downturn, it has demonstrated greater resilience than other areas of the country. Cambridgeshire can use this slow-down to position itself for recovery. Investments will be prioritised to promote the best environmental, social and economic outcomes, planning for the long-term sustainability of the county.

Case study: Shaping Fenland

Fenland District Council is using a holistic partnership approach to forward planning services and the social, economic, environmental and physical infrastructure that is required. It also will identify the needs and opportunities required, in order to maximise the potential of the district. The results of this will shape an enhanced Sustainable Community Strategy.

The Shaping Fenland project team are considering the evidence base work completed to date, in order to develop an overarching vision that ties together housing with other economic, social, and environmental aspects. The work will then put forward recommendations on the overall scale of growth, strategic sites to accommodate this growth, and the housing mix of these sites. Once completed, the Shaping work will also form part of the evidence base that is legally required to inform and support the statutory Local Development Framework.

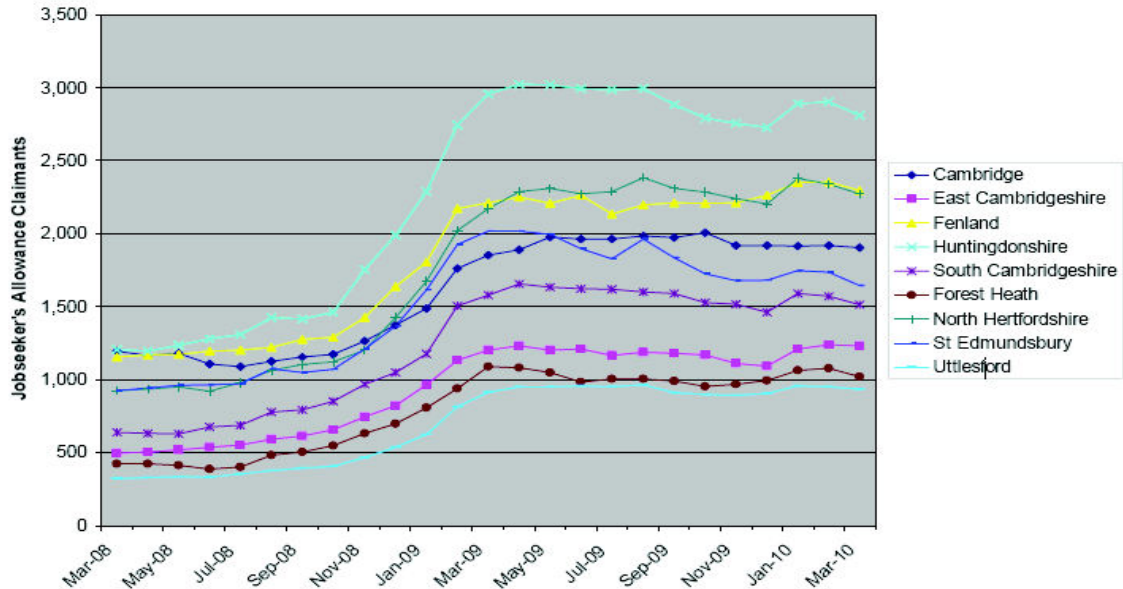
The completion of this project towards the end of 2010 will establish a growth strategy for the next 20 years. The work will then be incorporated into the LDF over the course of 2011.

For more information:

http://www.fenland.gov.uk/assets/shaping_fenlands_future/shaping_fenlands_future.pdf

The Greater Cambridge Partnership monitors employment in Cambridgeshire (and several of the surrounding districts) on a regular basis through their economic reviews. The claimant count as of March 2010 is shown in the diagram below. Although the claimant level has increased as a result of the downturn, the average of 2.6% across the economic sub-region remains significantly lower than the East of England average (3.5%) and the national average (4.2%).

Diagram 3: Claimant Count Unemployment - numbers - Greater Cambridge Districts



Source: Greater Cambridge Quarterly Economic Review - http://www.gcp.uk.net/downloads/R2RQR_0310.pdf

2.4 Skills

The table below has been taken from the Cambridgeshire Integrated Development Programme and shows a high level of skills within the Cambridgeshire workforce. This is particularly evident in districts within the high-tech cluster. However there are also areas of concern, notable the relatively low level of skills within Fenland district.

Diagram 4: Qualification levels in the Working Age Population, 2007

Area	% with NVQ4+ - working age				% with no qualifications - working age			
	number	denominator	percent	confidence	number	denominator	percent	confidence
East of England	887,200	3,413,500	26.0	0.7	425,400	3,413,500	12.5	0.6
Cambridge City	35,100	80,500	43.6	7.6	7,400	80,500	9.2	4.4
East Cambridgeshire	19,000	48,400	39.3	8.5	6,000	48,400	12.3	5.7
Fenland	8,500	53,100	16.1	5.3	5,100	53,100	9.7	4.2
Huntingdonshire	32,400	105,100	30.8	5.2	6,200	105,100	5.9	2.6
South Cambridgeshire	34,000	82,800	41.0	5.3	8,700	82,800	10.5	3.3
Cambridgeshire	129,000	369,900	34.9	-	33,400	369,900	9.0	-

Source: Annual Population Survey - <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=15150>

Note: The lower confidence figures denote a greater sample size and thus more robust figure

Further reading

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Chapter 6: Profile of the Cambridge Sub-region
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/shma/ch_6_profile_of_the_cambridge_sub-region.pdf
- Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy
<http://www.gcp.uk.net/downloads/SRES09-12.pdf>
- Greater Cambridge Quarterly Economic Review - October to March 2010
http://www.gcp.uk.net/downloads/R2RQR_0310.pdf
- Greater Cambridge Annual Profile 2009
http://www.gcp.uk.net/downloads/GC_Profile_09.pdf
- Cambridgeshire Integrated Development Programme
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/to%20be%20filed/final_cambs_idp_dec_09.pdf
- Transport Economic Evidence Study
http://www.eeda.org.uk/files/TEES_Final_Report.pdf

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3 Vision, aspirations, and policies

3.1 Vision for Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire's Sustainable Community Strategy known as Cambridgeshire Together sets out a shared vision for the future of Cambridgeshire, which brings together aspirations for the county:

'Our vision is for Cambridgeshire to be a county of strong, growing, prosperous and inclusive communities supported by excellent services where people can fulfill their potential; live longer, healthier lifestyles; and influence decision-making'.

Case study: The need for high quality growth

Our ambitious agenda reflects high local demand for housing, which is clearly evidenced in the sub-regional Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

In and around Cambridge, average house prices are now over nine times the average salary. In spite of the current economic climate, house prices in the city have risen by 26% in the last twelve months. This is why the housing policies of the district councils across the county all require high levels of affordable homes to be constructed as part of new development - policies that have stood up to testing through high profile appeals in recent months.

The importance of quality within our new developments is a consistent message that has emerged through our public consultations and community engagement. As a result, we have also sought to ensure that the focus of the growth agenda is not just on numbers, but on quality, and that growth delivers benefits for existing residents as well as providing homes for those moving into the area.

In response, the councils and Cambridgeshire Horizons have developed the Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth, a finalist in last year's RTPi awards. The Charter, and more importantly the mindset it seeks to instil among developers, local authorities and the wider community, offers a compelling vision for high quality new settlements which can be real communities, not just a collection of homes, and which will enhance the quality of life for those who live there, and for the wider community.

Amongst its themes, the Charter champions community involvement - "Building a sense of community by providing a greater choice of housing along with active participation of people in the way their neighbourhoods are run."

The local area agreement is a three year delivery plan covering 2008 to 2011 for this vision. The agreement sets out priorities and targets for the county agreed between central government, the local authorities and Cambridgeshire Together, and other key partners at the local level. The delivery of the vision focuses on five key goals:

- Growth - accommodating growth, creating flagship communities and ensuring all communities enjoy the benefits of growth and infrastructure.
- Economic Prosperity - supporting the special role of Cambridgeshire as a centre of knowledge and innovation, especially in low carbon technologies.

- Environmental Sustainability - meeting the challenges of climate change while maintaining a high quality environment.
- Equality and Inclusion - supporting vulnerable groups and enabling them to participate fully in community life, and encouraging healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.
- Safer and Stronger Communities - engaging citizens in service planning and improvement and ensuring our communities enjoy good quality of life and health, with low crime, low unemployment, and free from discrimination and inequalities.

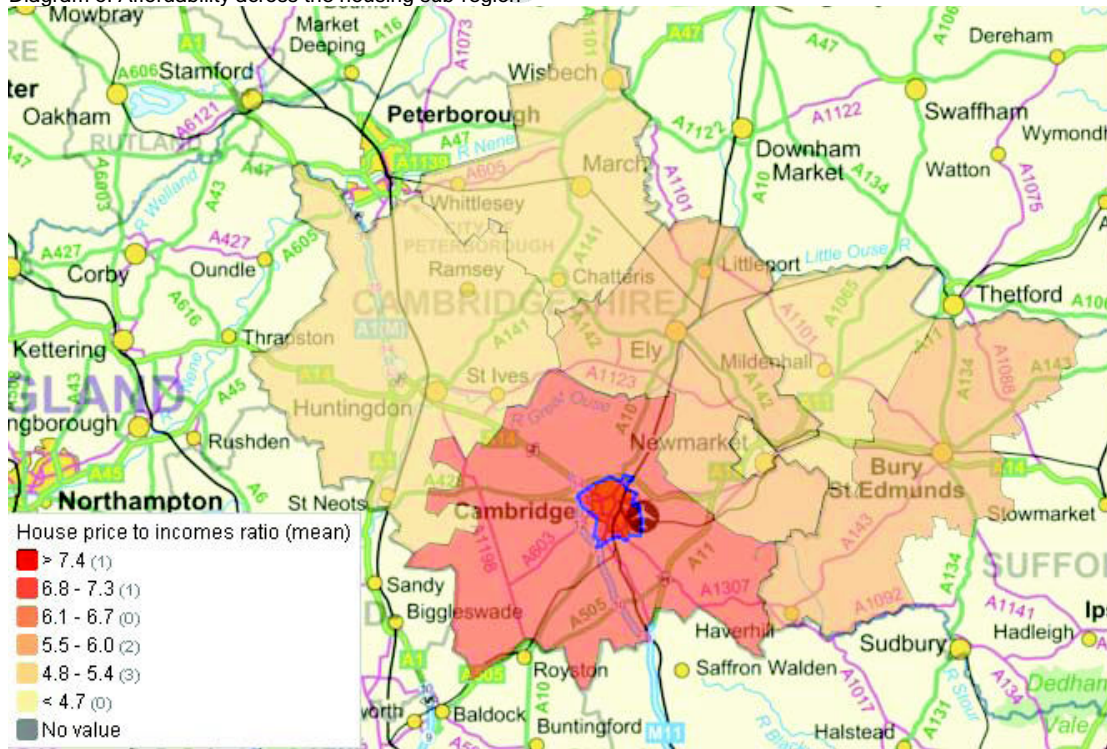
The Cambridgeshire Together Board has recently reviewed these partnerships in light of the need to radically transform the delivery of public services, to improve resident experience and do more for less.

3.2 Housing aspirations

Historically, housing growth has not kept pace with the economic success of Cambridgeshire. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Housing Market Bulletins demonstrate the shortage of housing and affordable housing across Cambridgeshire. The economic downturn has not reduced affordability pressures for residents and in-comers. The SHMA brings together data on a variety of housing issues for Cambridgeshire (and two adjacent Suffolk districts), helping the area understand its housing markets and needs, which underpins a spectrum of policy responses.

Diagram 5 indicates that none of the Cambridgeshire districts have a ratio of average house price to average income lower than 4.8. The least affordable area is Cambridge City.

Diagram 5: Affordability across the housing sub-region



Source: Hometrack, June 2010

The Cambridge Sub Regional Housing Strategy was agreed in October 2008 and demonstrates the strong awareness in Cambridgeshire of the social, environmental and economic interdependencies to be considered when planning and delivering housing. It brings together policies for housing at all levels, condensing these into seven investment priorities:

1. Meet the challenge of significant housing growth to create mixed, balanced and sustainable communities across the sub-region while respecting our environmental assets and existing communities;
2. Plan for and respond to the sub-region's changing demography, particularly the needs of a growing number of older people;
3. Invest in rural homes to support vibrant, sustainable communities;
4. Respond to the diverse and changing needs of our communities including migrant workers, gypsies and travellers, and hard-to-reach groups;
5. Tackle both housing and support issues for people who are most vulnerable;
6. Make best use of existing homes and extend housing options by improving housing conditions, reducing risk, updating sheltered housing and bringing empty homes back into use - focusing on those who are vulnerable and living in private housing;
7. Prevent and tackle homelessness, help reduce deprivation and improve health and social exclusion.

In addition to the growth agenda, smaller rural sites will continue to be developed in rural areas where access to affordable housing is often restricted. Outside of the major settlements, there are a large number of smaller towns and hamlets across Cambridgeshire where there is a lack of housing options. In many cases, young people are leaving these areas as their access to the housing market is limited.

The lack of housing opportunities, especially affordable housing, has affected the sustainability of rural communities, which have then suffered through the loss of shops, services and schools in some areas. Therefore, development in these areas provide much-needed affordable, local housing in rural communities, enabling and supporting sustainable living in our villages and market towns.

3.3 Economic aspirations

Cambridgeshire is a significant and distinctive economic area that makes a net positive contribution to the UK economy and includes a globally competitive high-tech cluster. It has a genuinely global brand in the form of the University of Cambridge, a centre of world-class learning and expertise, and a network of higher education institutes. Cambridge is a centre of net in-commuting, bringing in approximately 56,000 commuters daily. Surrounding the city is a strong network of market towns, which act as service and employment centres for rural area. In addition to businesses with national and international significance in a number of key sectors, the county has established networks of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Case study: East Cambridgeshire Housing Strategy

East Cambridgeshire District Council's Housing Strategy includes a commitment to increasing the number of homes provided on rural exception sites. The district's successful programme has benefitted from close working with Parish Councils, Cambridgeshire ACRE and Registered Social Landlords to identify potential sites in villages.

The development of rural exception sites is a priority for the local authority, and has become an important source of affordable housing during the economic downturn. East Cambridgeshire is therefore focussing its attention on developing rural exception sites, along with smaller sites in villages and towns, where there is a high housing need.

The district's Sustainable Community Strategy includes an objective for the housing service to work with Parish Councils, supporting the development of Rural Community Land Trusts as a means to continue providing affordable and sustainable new housing.

The Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy for 2009-2012 has the following high level objectives:

- Grow a world class, knowledge based, low carbon economy.
- Encourage the resource efficient growth of a diverse and robust economy across the whole of greater Cambridge.
- Build a strong skills base and high levels of economic participation.
- Develop sustainable infrastructure and a high quality of life.

To date the ability of the economy to grow has been constrained by inadequate transport infrastructure capacity, skills disparities and shortages, and a chronic shortage of affordable housing. It is intended that the Greater Cambridge - Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership addresses these challenges.

Case study: Trumpington Meadows Code Level 4 New Homes

Trumpington Meadows is the first of the two main residential areas in the Cambridge Southern Fringe urban extension to obtain planning permission. It will be built on the former Monsanto land, around the Trumpington Park and Ride site, crossing the boundary between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District.

Starting later in 2010, 1,200 homes (including 40% affordable housing) are to be built alongside a primary school, community facilities, local shops, a 60-hectare country park, a children's play area, a multi-use games area, tennis courts, allotments, access roads, footpaths and cycleways.

In addition to this infrastructure, much of the development, including all of the affordable housing, will be built to Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes. This is in advance of the legal requirement to meet this level of the code. Securing this quality requirement through the planning permission for the site will ensure that the new homes are resource efficient and the new community suited to low carbon living.

3.5 Sustainability and a low carbon future

In response to the threat of climate change and the imperative of urgent transition to a low carbon future, Cambridgeshire is planning an ambitious but necessary transformation. The growth agenda will demonstrate how high quality new developments can encourage sustainable patterns of living, and this is embedding in all levels of growth strategy. Existing communities will also require considerable investment to meet these challenges.

3.4 Local policy

Within Cambridgeshire, local authorities have made significant progress with their local plans. Responding to the changing context of the planning system and the abolition of regional planning, local authorities are working together to agree a way forward that recognises the need for growth. As a result, the timescales set out in the table overleaf for policy documents are subject to change. For further detail, please refer to Section 9.

3.6 The Quality Charter

A major tool for this is the Quality Charter for Growth, a high level statement of key principles for creating sustainable communities. These four principles are:

- Community - Encouraging involvement with and interest in the management of the local area;
- Connectivity - Locating new developments where residents can benefit from strong transport links to jobs and services, upgrading infrastructure as necessary to ensure needs are met;
- Climate - Mitigating and adapting to climate change through innovative approaches to energy, transport, waste and water;
- Character - Creating distinctive places with an attractive public realm that encourages walking and cycling.

The endorsement of the Quality Charter for Growth by Cambridgeshire local authorities signifies the wide local councillor and officer buy-in to the principles of sustainable communities. In order to implement the Charter, Cambridgeshire Horizons are co-ordinating a training programme for professionals involved in the delivery of the growth agenda.

Work to support the delivery of zero carbon homes is also underway, including investigation of a local Carbon Offset Fund and scoping for a Cambridgeshire Renewables Infrastructure Framework.

Core Strategy	Site Specific Policies	Affordable Housing SPD	Area Action Plans	Infrastructure Study
Cambridge City Council				
Local Plan adopted 2006. Core Strategy 2011, TBC	(Incorporating development control policies) 2011, TBC	Adopted January 2008	Joint AAPs with SCDC: Cambridge East AAP - adopted Feb 2008. North West Cambridge AAP - adopted Oct 2009. Northern Fringe East AAP TBC.	Joint Study with SCDC, completion 2011/12
East Cambridgeshire District Council				
Adopted October 2009	Options consultation July/Aug 2010 Submission consultation - Dec 2010 Submission - July 2011 Adoption 2012	Not currently proposed	Ely AAP - Options consultation July/Aug 2010 Submission consultation - Dec 2010 Submission - July 2011 Adoption 2012	Consultation Autumn 2010 Adoption Winter 2010
Fenland District Council				
Consultation Spring 2011 Submission Autumn 2011 Adoption Spring/Summer 2012	To follow 6 months after Core Strategy Adoption Winter 2012	Preliminary report into affordable housing viability being prepared, SPD to follow	None currently proposed	Preparing through 'Shaping Fenland' Due to report November 2010
Huntingdonshire District Council				
Adopted Sept 2009	Not currently proposed	Adopted November 2007	Huntingdon West AAP - Publication Dec 2009 Submission April 2010 Adoption Jan 2011 St Neots AAP Publication Feb 2012 Submission Sept 2012 Adoption June 2013	Completed Jan 2009, reviewed autumn 2010
South Cambridgeshire District Council				
Adopted Jan 2007	Adopted Jan 2010	Adopted March 2010	Joint AAPs with Cambridge City Council, please see above.	Joint Study with Cambridge City, completion 2011/12

Case study: A Carbon Offset Fund for Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire has set ambitious targets for reducing CO₂ emissions and adapting to a changing climate. To meet these, substantial investment in low carbon infrastructure (for example renewable energy and energy efficiency measures) is required. A carbon offset mechanism is a way of collecting investment from a range of different sources, including developers and private investors, which can be used to fund infrastructure that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The key reasons for Cambridgeshire to consider establishing a Carbon Offset Fund are:

- 1 To support developers in reducing the CO₂ emissions of new housing, to meet the requirements of the Code for Sustainable Homes, as cost effectively as possible. Developments that cannot meet all their energy requirements through onsite renewables, due to technical or financial constraints, could pay into the fund in order to offset part of these requirements.
- 2 To secure investment in local carbon infrastructure in Cambridgeshire. The monies in the fund would be invested in achieving the greatest potential CO₂ emissions savings.

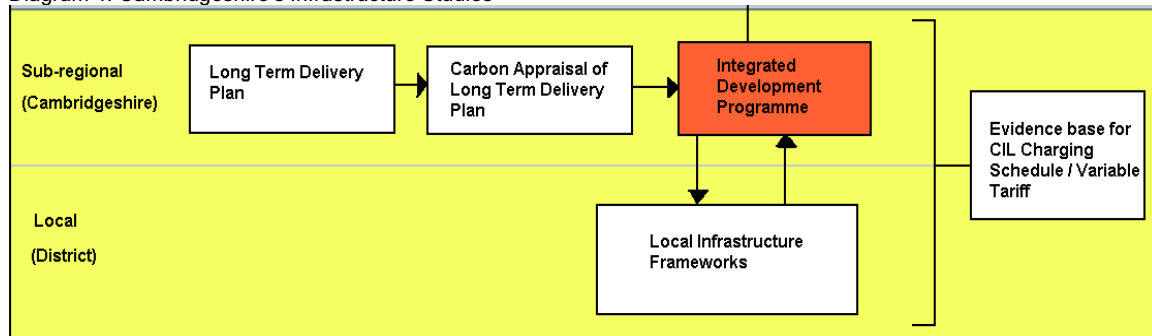
Feasibility work on the Carbon Offset Fund was completed in September 2010, and the next steps include putting together evidence of renewable energy need in the county.

From an economic perspective, patterns of employment and the mixture of industries and services within the county will evolve to meet environmental challenges. Cambridgeshire is in a strong position to capitalise on opportunities to develop clean technologies, such as renewable energy and zero carbon building, as well as environmental goods and services. Local strengths in research and development, ICT and environmental networks will confer an advantage. Investments to encourage this sector are planned, including the Hive, a low carbon innovation and enterprise centre. This project is intended to act as a catalyst for further development of the clean tech sector. A low carbon building skills academy is also an aspiration for the new town of Northstowe.

3.7 Infrastructure

The infrastructure requirements of the growth of Cambridgeshire have been scoped by a series of studies, as summarised by Diagram 4.

Diagram 4: Cambridgeshire's Infrastructure Studies



The completion of these studies will provide an evidence base as to the local and strategic infrastructure required to grow the county whilst reducing CO₂ emissions. In December 2009 the Cambridgeshire Integrated Development Programme was endorsed by all six local authorities as a statement of strategic infrastructure requirements for growth. This is a key element of Section 8, Investment Priorities.

Case study: Huntingdonshire's Local Investment Framework

Huntingdonshire District Council has completed a study forecasting demographic trends in the district to 2026 and the associated infrastructure needs. Huntingdonshire is set for considerable housing growth during this period, and the Local Investment Framework seeks to anticipate the infrastructure required to ensure that the new communities are sustainable. The document covers physical and social infrastructure, including transport, education, health services and green space.

The LIF will form key evidence for collecting developer contributions to infrastructure, through Section 106, the Community Infrastructure Levy, or a tariff. It will inform the Local Development Framework and assist with funding bids. Viability modelling forms an important part of the work, and will assist with Section 106 negotiations and setting levels of CIL or tariff.

Over time all the Cambridgeshire local planning authorities will develop an evidence base of this kind. East Cambridgeshire District is close to completing its own infrastructure work, while South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils have begun a joint study.

Each local authority is at a different stage in producing Local Investment Frameworks. This affects the amount and clarity of detail available, particularly relating the cost and timing of infrastructure needed. They may still be “work in progress” and, as this work continues, will be needed to inform ongoing discussions with the HCA and other partners about emerging future priorities.

Case study: Engaging local communities

Beyond our over-arching planning policies, we have continued to engage with our local communities and all other key stakeholders in consulting on specific area action plans, area development frameworks and planning applications. Local residents and groups have been particularly influential in decisions on the location of community facilities and how these facilities should be managed.

As proposed developments progress from the planning stage towards delivery, our efforts are increasingly focussing on setting up community forums for the growth sites (e.g. in north west Cambridge and on the City's southern fringe) and working with communities bordering the new developments in order to address their existing needs and to encourage integration with the new neighbourhoods.

To ensure that Cambridgeshire has a well-planned, extensive network of green spaces, a Green Infrastructure Strategy was prepared in 2006 to provide an evidence base. This is currently being reviewed and updated. It is based on the Cambridgeshire Green Vision, “To create a comprehensive and sustainable network of green corridors and sites that enhance the diversity of landscape character, connect and enrich biodiversity habitats; and extend access and recreation opportunities, for the benefit of the environment as well as current and future communities”.

Further Reading

- Cambridgeshire's Vision 2007 - 2021 - Countywide Sustainable Communities Strategy
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/8707CA50-DEC9-4A7F-87E4-C8C108452C5D/0/CambsVision20072021.pdf>
- Cambridge Sub-region Strategic Housing Market Assessment
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/our_challenge/housing/shma.aspx
- Cambridge Sub-regional Housing Bulletins
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/our_challenge/housing/crhb_publications.aspx
- Cambridge Sub-regional Housing Strategy
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/crhb/publications/cambridge_sub-region_housing_strategy_2008-11.pdf
- Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy
<http://www.gcp.uk.net/downloads/SRES09-12.pdf>
- Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/quality_panel/quality_charter_2010.pdf
- The Hive website
<http://www.talktothehive.org>
- Cambridgeshire Integrated Development Programme
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/to%20be%20filed/final_cambs_idp_dec_09.pdf

4 Growth trajectories

4.1 Additional dwellings

Between 1st July 2001 and 31st March 2010, a net total of 28,172 dwellings were completed across Cambridgeshire, an average of 3,220 dwellings per year. In more recent times the economy has entered a period of recession, reflected by a fall in housing completions in 2008/9 and 2009/10, compared to previous years.

Diagram 6: Dwelling completions (net) in Cambridgeshire

	2001-2	2002-3	2003-4	2004-5	2005-6	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10
Cambridge City	159	336	503	601	730	668	521	589	288
East Cambridgeshire	799	591	607	401	796	688	751	475	206
Fenland	499	696	736	636	781	758	934	312	253
Huntingdonshire	334	581	577	698	743	650	728	822	809
South Cambridgeshire	523	655	976	570	877	924	1291	615	610
Cambridgeshire	2314	2859	3399	2906	3927	3688	4256	2813	2166

Source: Cambridgeshire County Council's Annual Monitoring Return

It was widely anticipated that the number of dwelling completions in Cambridgeshire would fall in 2010/11 reflecting a falling number of starts on site in 2009, and given that in 2009 a good number of completions included homes which started on site before the recession took effect, in 2008.

The total number of housing completions in Cambridgeshire from April 2009 to March 2010 is the lowest in the last ten years, as shown in the table above. The district breakdown demonstrates that this slowdown in building rate has not been a uniform trend across the county, affecting mainly Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland. The number of dwellings completed in Huntingdonshire remains high.

4.2 Trajectory of actual and projected completions

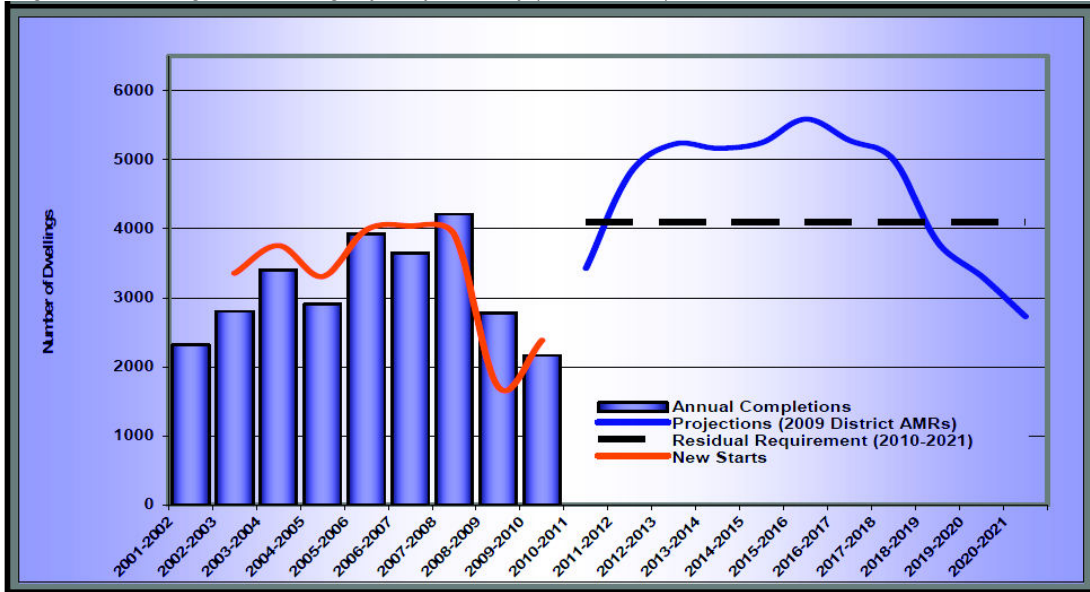
Diagram 7 below shows the combined total of the five district housing trajectories published in their 2009 Annual Monitoring Reports. Recent economic concerns have led to the prediction of much lower rates of house building in the next couple of years, as indicated by the projections line. This is followed by potentially higher rates as large developments around the Cambridge Fringe, Northstowe, and St Neots start to be delivered.

The latest trajectories provide an estimate of when new housing development is expected to be completed over the next 10 years. This is shown graphically in Diagram 7 alongside information about annual dwelling completions and annual figures for number of dwelling starts up to 31 March 2010.

This shows that the number of dwelling starts, while comparatively low, is on the increase in 2009-2010. This increase is significant as it leads to the possibility that we may see an increase in dwelling completions for this current year. This optimism is backed up by an increase in number of dwellings currently under construction compared to the previous years.

The district trajectories were formulated with reference to the outgoing Regional Spatial Strategy targets which has recently been abolished by the Secretary of State.

Diagram 7: Cambridgeshire housing trajectory summary (2001 to 2021)

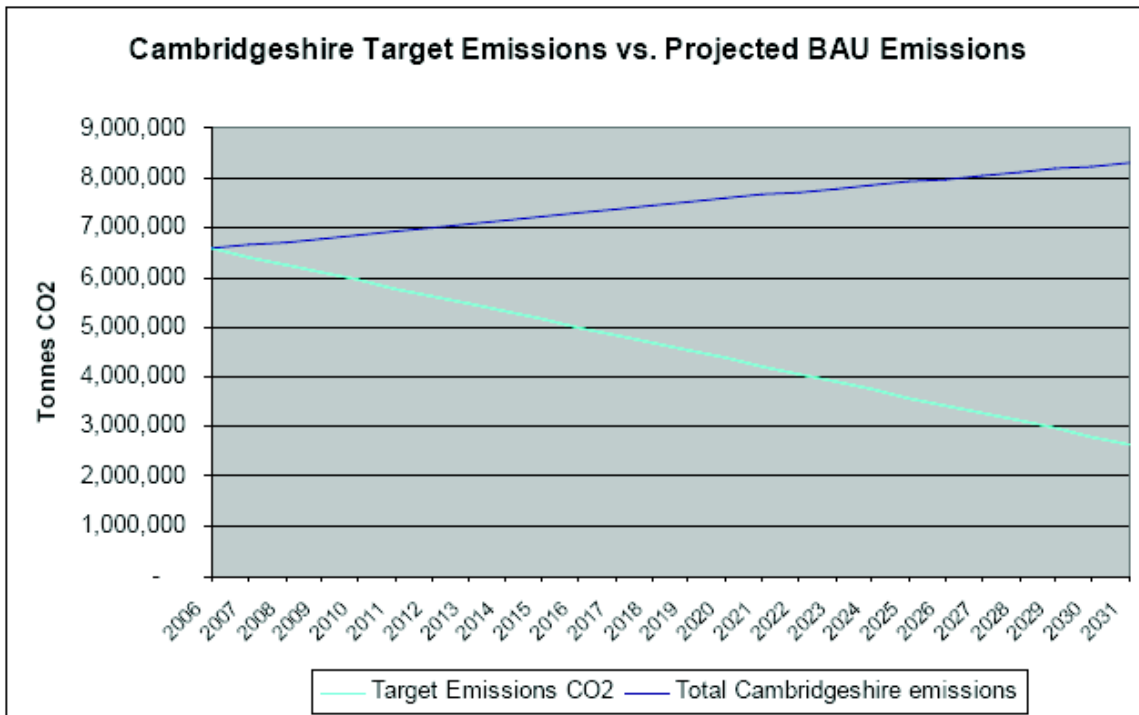


Source: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

4.3 CO₂ trajectory

The delivery of new housing must go hand-in-hand with reducing the Cambridgeshire’s carbon footprint, in order to meet the statutory requirement for an 80% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. As the diagram below shows, the county’s current carbon footprint is 6.5 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, and this will grow to more than 8 million tonnes annually by 2031 if growth follows a business as usual trajectory.

Diagram 8: Cambridgeshire Target Emissions vs. projected BAU emissions



Source: CO₂ trajectory from the Carbon Appraisal of the Long Term Delivery Plan

Construction and the built environment are highly carbon-intensive. New developments must be well planned to minimise the loss of green space and prevent unsustainable patterns of transport and consumption becoming entrenched. Careful design, use of energy efficient materials, and well considered siting can all contribute to a more sustainable approach to growth. Following the recommendations of the Carbon Appraisal of the Long Term Delivery Plan, which sought to quantify the carbon impact of the county's growth, partners are taking forward a range of projects in order to meet the ambitious emissions targets shown above.

Further reading

- Cambridgeshire Annual Monitoring Report 2009
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/551D91D2-377A-4D0A-9A55-ACB8E1F34C67/0/FinalRSSAMR.pdf>
- Carbon Appraisal of the Cambridge Sub-region Long Term Delivery Plan
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/publications/research/ltdp_carbon_appraisal.pdf

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5 The local housing market

5.1 Demography

Chapter 10 of our SHMA, *Demographic Context and Forecasting*, goes into some detail about the current and future population of Cambridgeshire and the housing sub-region. Edited highlights include that:

- Cambridge City will see the largest population increase in the 30-59 age group and the greatest percentage of in migration in future years.
- Huntingdonshire will see a decrease in the 0-15, 16-19 and 30-59 age groups in future.
- Every district except Cambridge City will see an increase in the most vulnerable households i.e. the elderly. The largest increase of this type in Cambridgeshire is found in South Cambridgeshire East Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire.
- Single person households will increase across the piece.

Forecast Population Growth, 2001 to 2021 ('000s)

	2001	2021	Change 2001-2021	Population % change
Cambridge City	109.9	151.2	41.3	37.6
East Cambridgeshire	70.9	79.9	9	12.7
Fenland	83.7	99.4	15.7	18.8
Huntingdonshire	157.2	164.5	7.3	4.6
South Cambridgeshire	130.6	169.8	39.2	30
Cambridgeshire	552.3	664.8	112.5	20.4

Sources: Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

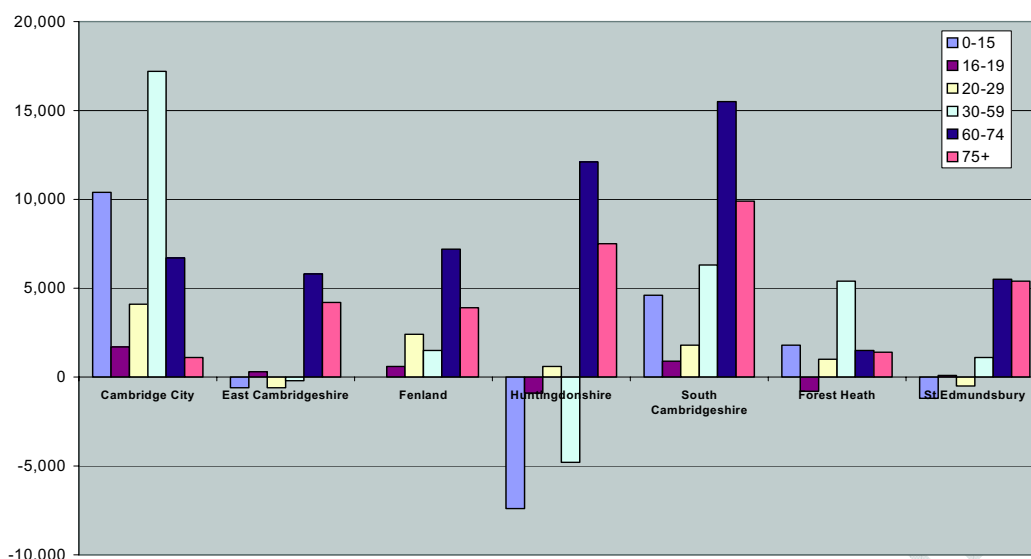
Forecast Household Growth, 2001 to 2021, ('000s)

	2001	2021	Change 2001-2021	Household % change
Cambridge City	42.7	61.1	18.4	43.1
East Cambridgeshire	29.9	37.6	7.7	25.8
Fenland	35.3	45.4	10.1	28.6
Huntingdonshire	63.1	75.4	12.3	19.5
South Cambridgeshire	52.3	75.4	23.1	44.2

Sources: Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

South Cambridgeshire is expected to experience an increase of over 23,000 households, equivalent to 44% of the 2001 baseline. A similar rate of growth is forecast for Cambridge City, providing for an additional 43% of households in twenty years. Even in the district with the lowest rate of growth, Huntingdonshire, an additional 20% of households are forecast by 2021.

Forecast Population by Age, 2001 to 2021³



Source: Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group; Anglia Ruskin University

The age groups forecast to show the biggest increase overall are older people. The age group 60 to 74 is expected to increase by over 54,000, growing by around 61% in just twenty years. This reflects the ‘Post War bulge’ entering retirement.

In percentage terms there is an even bigger increase in the numbers of residents aged 75 and over. This age group is expected to increase by 33,400 or 66% between 2001 and 2021. In contrast, despite the overall population increase, the number of children aged 0 to 15 is only expected to increase by 7,600, just 5.5% more than the 2001 baseline. In many districts this age group is expected to decline.

Forecast Population aged 85+, 2001 to 2021⁴

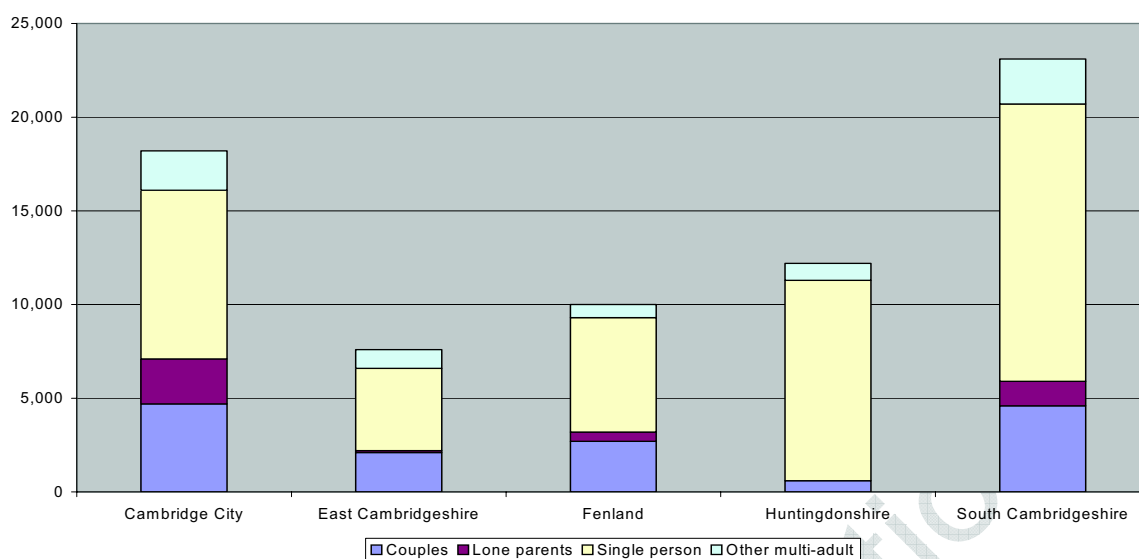
	2001	2021	Change 2001-2021	% change
Cambridge City	2,180	2,400	220	10
East Cambridgeshire	1,420	2,810	1,390	97.8
Fenland	1,850	3,670	1,820	98.3
Huntingdonshire	2,360	4,220	1,860	78.8
South Cambridgeshire	2,520	5,000	2,480	98.4

Sources: Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group; Anglia Ruskin University

The age group likely to require most support is the over 85s. The housing sub-region can anticipate an increase of over 10,100 residents of this age, a 76% increase on the numbers in 2001. The increases are forecast to be particularly high in East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. All four districts can anticipate increases of 80% or more. The exception is Cambridge. Past trends suggest there is net out-migration of the elderly from the City. The changes in population by age clearly pose challenges for supported housing, in particular.

³ Rounded to the nearest 100. Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁴ Rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Breakdown of household forecasts, 2001 to 2021 by type

Source: Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

This analysis spells out clearly that there will be a considerable increase in smaller households. However, it should be noted that although single people may be counted as 'needing' only one bedroom accommodation, in practice the active demand is for at least two bedrooms.

5.2 Existing homes

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment details the condition of housing stock across the sub-region, compared to the Decent Homes Standard. This allows pinpointing of specific areas requiring investment. At April 2008 the vast majority of homes (over 70%) were owner occupied across Cambridgeshire. For four of the five districts, the percentage owner occupation is similar, falling between 71% and 76%. Social rented tends to provide 13% to 16% of homes, and private rented makes up between 10% and 13% of dwellings. However in Cambridge the pattern is different, with only 53% ownership, 24% social rented (including 16% council-owned) and 23% private rented or other.

Dwellings by tenure, 2007/08

	Owner Occupied	%	Social Rented	%	Private Rented/ Other	%
Cambridge City	24,704	53%	11,187	24%	10,721	23%
East Cambridgeshire	24,382	73%	4,676	14%	4,342	13%
Fenland	31,167	75%	5,818	14%	4,571	11%
Huntingdonshire	52,887	76%	9,046	13%	7,655	11%
South Cambridgeshire	44,226	76%	8,256	14% ⁵	5,897	10%
Cambridgeshire	177,366	71%	38,983	16%	33,186	13%

Source: Census, HSSA 2007/08, from SHMA Ch 11 Dwelling profile.

Large Scale Voluntary Transfer

Three of the five districts in Cambridgeshire have transferred housing stock to a Registered Social Landlord. Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire manage and maintain council properties in their districts within the Housing Revenue Account. East Cambridgeshire has transferred its homes to Sanctuary-Hereward; Fenland transferred to Roddons (part of the Circle Anglia group) in 2009, and Huntingdonshire transferred to Luminus.

⁵ Includes 9% council-owned

Stock renewal

Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire maintain homes to the “decent homes” standard, with a very small percentage counted as non-decent at 1 April 2010.

	Total LA dwellings at 1.4.10	Non-decent dwellings tackled during 2009/10	Dwellings receiving work to prevent becoming non-decent in 2009/10	Dwellings becoming non-decent during 2009/10	Number of non-decent 01/04/10	% non-decent
Cambridge	7364	739	1638	0	170	2%
SCDC	5427	14	516	35	172	3%

Source: CLG website, 2009/10 predicted figures

Renewal programmes are largely found in market towns to the North of Cambridge. Wisbech is a particular priority, as it shows relatively high levels of deprivation. The Nene Waterfront project, which will provide office space for knowledge-based businesses, has secured Housing Growth Fund support and is a priority project.

Reducing CO₂ emissions from existing homes

The Quality Charter leaning programme has provided training and resources to share information on sustainable housing. Standards on new developments are being raised and potential eco-town at Northstowe being promoted, alongside a retro fit demonstrator project at Rampton Drift.

Case studies: reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty

Cambridge aspires to achieve CSH4 for new affordable housing as a minimum. This includes the seven new council homes due to be completed in March 2011 and possible further new council homes at this level in future. Simons House in Cambridge is being redeveloped as an extra care CSH 5 exemplar scheme.

Cambridge has also secured funding for the design stage of the national 'retrofit' project for existing social housing, to reduce carbon emissions of a single home by 80%. Cambridge has also used grant funding to secure energy efficiency works in 5 private rented properties, and a further 26 in the pipeline, through the City's *Landlord Accreditation* scheme.

Some 367 vulnerable households in **Fenland** have benefitted from Warmfront works, making their homes more energy efficient. Additionally Fenland has been working with Kings Lynn and West Norfolk to pilot an external solid wall scheme, costing £1.12m.

Fenland, SmartLIFE and Roddons are currently awaiting outcomes of an ERDF bid to retrofit 14 properties with residents in situ, while measuring the social, environmental and economic aspects to the work. The technology detail and learning will be disseminated to local enterprises, encouraging them to diversify into the Cleantech industry sector (linked to priorities emerging from Greater Cambridge Partnership).

In **Huntingdonshire**, a number of energy efficiency schemes are running including Warm Front and 'Warmer Homes for Life' which is funded through the Decent Homes programme. This targets vulnerable people in the private sector alongside tackling category 1 hazards to make the homes decent.

5.3 Empty homes

Across Cambridgeshire, empty homes remain low in numbers and as a percentage of the stock, largely due to high market pressure and need for homes in our areas. To enable turnover up to 3% vacancy is considered acceptable, which each district overall falls within.

However a home which stands empty for a long time is a wasted resource; even if the proportion of homes standing empty is low, the number can always be reduced and provide a home for a family in need. For this reason the sub-regional strategic group is working together to compare empty homes statistics, approaches to making useful and to consider a shared project around empty homes for those areas and partners who agree it is an issue which needs to be tackled. The figures below relate to 2007/8. Initial work on 2008/9 statistics show even lower vacancy rates in social tenures, averaging at 1.49% across the County⁶.

Vacant dwelling stock, 2007/08

	Local Authority		Registered Social Landlord		Other Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	
Cambridge	161	2.2%	138	3.7%	0		72	0.2%	371	0.8%
ECDC	LSVT		20	0.4%	0		987	3.5%	1,014	3.0%
Fenland	LSVT		45	0.9%	0		616	1.7%	661	1.6%
HDC	LSVT		150	1.7%	166	17.6%	970	1.6%	1,286	1.8%
SCDC	163	2.9%	33	1.4%	13	2.4%	1,433	2.8%	1,642	2.8%

Source: HSSA, 2007/08; From Chapter 11, Dwelling Profile, Cambridge Sub-Region's SHMA at www.cambridgeshireorizons.co.uk/shma

Cambridgeshire projects to tackle empty homes

In Cambridge from 2008 to 2009 some 20 private sector empty homes were brought back into use; 69 home improvement grants awarded; 18 owner-occupied homes made decent; 69 homes had category 1 hazards removed; 61 HMOs were licensed; and 9 family sized Council homes freed up through the City's underoccupation incentive scheme

A £1.1 m pilot project is underway in Fenland to drive the costs of private sector renewal down, by offering the same improvements to vulnerable private sector residents as to Roddons stock transfer tenants, on the same estates. This includes decent homes and physical regeneration works.

5.4 Overcrowding

The table below shows the figure provided by the Survey of English Housing for the East of England, applied to each district by tenure to provide an estimate of the number of households overcrowded, using the bedroom standard.

Over-crowding according to bedroom standard

	Owner Occupied	Social Rented	Private Rented/ Other
East of England	1.1%	5%	3.9%
Cambridge City	258	530	396
East Cambridgeshire	269	235	170
Fenland	321	272	167
Huntingdonshire	563	438	289
South Cambridgeshire	478	434	226

Source: SEH 2007/08, Census 2001, CCCRG household estimates

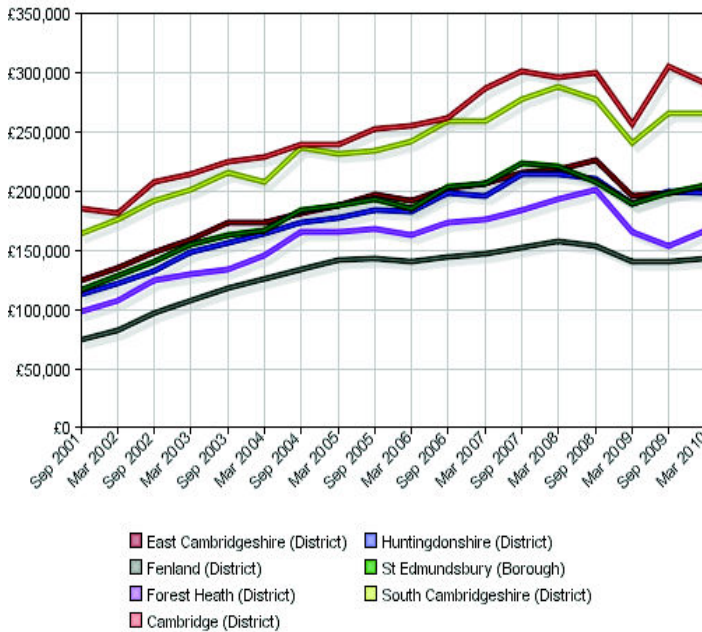
From Chapter 11, Dwelling Profile, Cambridge Sub-Region's SHMA at www.cambridgeshireorizons.co.uk/shma

⁶ Source: HSSA and Dataspring 2008/9

5.5 Affordability

The significant affordability pressures in Cambridgeshire have been outlined in Section 3 above, and provide a very strong argument for pursuing the growth agenda even in a time of economic downturn. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment includes a detailed analysis of affordability by tenure and district, which is reflected in the sub-regional and local housing strategies. Local authorities have set affordable housing targets of 35-40% in recognition of these needs (see page 23).

Average prices, Cambridge sub-region, as at March 2010



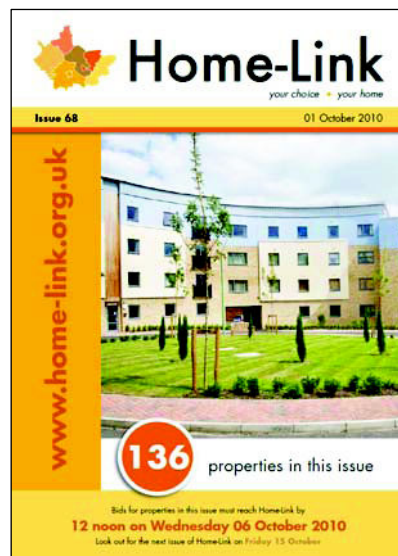
Source: Hometrack, June 2010 release

5.6 Home-Link: Your choice - your home

The Home-Link choice based lettings system was launched in February 2008 across the Cambridge housing sub-region. Through Home-Link, council and housing association properties which are available to let are advertised on the website and in the Home-Link magazine. Anyone can look at the adverts and decide whether they want to be considered for any of the properties. To be considered, people have to be registered and to bid for an advertised property they are eligible for, up to three properties per fortnight.

Home-Link is open to existing tenants seeking a transfer, home seekers already on the housing register and people applying for housing for the first time. It gives customers more choice about where they want to live. Customers can see how properties in previous bidding cycles were let by looking at feedback of previous lets on the website or in the magazine, including the band of the successful bidder and how long they waited to be housed. Home-link covers all available Council and Housing Association homes, including sheltered, and includes a mutual exchange scheme.

In future we hope to use Home-Link to allow customers to see privately rented properties that may be available to rent across the Home-Link region.



In addition, CLG funding has been provided for an Enhanced Housing Options programme to reinforce the role of Home-Link as a portal for improved housing advice and assistance.

Number of applicants in each band as at 1st July 2010⁷

Band	A	B	C	D
Cambridge	147	441	2662	3049
East Cambridgeshire	23	146	648	357
Fenland	63	216	1052	979
Forest Heath	20	142	703	351
Huntingdonshire	154	383	1380	1186
South Cambridgeshire	167	322	2073	1986
St Edmundsbury	48	142	887	732
Sub-Regional Total	622	1792	9405	8640
Cambridgeshire total	554	1508	7815	7557

5.7 Supported Housing and Supporting People

The table below gives an estimate of the number of units/bedspaces of supported housing in each district, as at 31 March 2008.

Units of supported housing, 2007/8 by district

	Number of units
Cambridge City	1,273
East Cambridgeshire	1,228
Fenland	876
Huntingdonshire	1,261
South Cambridgeshire	1,699

Source: DataSpring 2007/8, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council records, 2007/8

There are nearly 8,000 bedspaces of supported housing across the housing sub-region. Scheme sizes vary significantly from small almshouses with less than ten bedspaces to large schemes such as the YMCA in Cambridge City, which has 150 spaces and also has a higher turnover because of its client group. Much of the supported housing in the sub-region is supported housing for older people.

Model to project future support needs

In November 2008 CIVIS Consultants were commissioned by the Supporting People Team in Cambridgeshire to develop a model to project housing support needs for each vulnerable client group within the SP programme. The model also takes account of future growth within the county. Given the anticipated growth it is expected that the need for housing support services will increase considerably over coming years. Projections from the CIVIS needs analysis show the following:

Projected need for housing support services

Year	Projected need (in household units) ⁸
2010	12,862
2015	14,360
2020	15,832
2025	17,341

⁷ <http://www.home-link.org.uk/default.aspx>

⁸ A household unit equates to the unit of support required by a single person, couple or family.

In 2010 the supply of household units is around 8,500 units. The districts where the greatest growth in need for household units is anticipated to be Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire. The CIVIS model takes account of growth in that it projects the need for services based on prevalence rates and links these to population projections produced by Cambridgeshire County Council's Research Team. This projects need at county and district levels but cannot give specific need for each of the growth areas within the county. Further work is being undertaken to look at the projected need for housing support services in each growth site.

Cambridgeshire's Disability Housing Strategy

Through the Cambridgeshire Disability Housing Strategy, across the County there is agreement to require 10% of homes for people with disabilities and all affordable homes to Lifetime standards, via planning process. This strategy was agreed in 2009 and is being implemented across the County.

Future Supporting People Vision, Strategic Outcomes and Priority Aims 2010 to 2015

Vision

Our vision is to enable as many vulnerable young people and adults as possible to improve, maintain or regain their independence through a range of housing related support options.

Priority Aims

To ensure we deliver our vision we have developed a number of priority aims:

- Deliver more flexible and preventative services to improve the outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire
- Improve the quality of services and ensure the market is developed and managed appropriately to improve the outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire
- Develop stronger partnership working to improve the outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire
- Achieve a balanced budget within 3 years (i.e. by 2012) for the achievement of the above priority aims to be sustainable

Strategic Outcomes

In pursuing our vision and priority aims, we want to achieve the following strategic outcomes:

- Greater availability of and accessibility to services, across all districts within the county and across all groups
- High quality services
- Improved personal outcomes for the residents of Cambridgeshire
- Improved awareness of the services available to enable greater choice and control for residents
- Services that are more seamless (more joined up) from the client's point of view and experience
- Services that are more personalised and tailored to the needs of each individual
- Best use of public resources in how services are commissioned, managed and delivered
- Improved performance e.g. reductions in: homelessness; crime; those not in education, employment or training

Source: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/0A49A322-8EEE-4D8D-BE42-A1FCBF5E4088/0/SupportingPeopleStrategy20102015draft.pdf>

5.8 Gypsies and Travellers

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment sets out the needs assessment undertaken in Cambridgeshire to inform planning for gypsy and traveller provision, and refers to the Horizons new Provision Project⁹. This needs assessment informed the Sub-regional Housing Strategy, which includes a chapter on the needs of gypsies and travellers. The overall objective of this is to:

Respond to the diverse and changing needs of our communities including Gypsies and Travellers, ensuring that Gypsies and Travellers accommodation and support needs are met.

In 2010 there are three significant policy developments afoot for Gypsies and Travellers across Cambridgeshire and across our housing sub-region. These include a new county-wide strategy, a new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and an update to the 2006 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment¹⁰.

Case Study: Gypsy and Traveller related projects in Cambridgeshire

The **County-wide** Traveller Strategic Coordination Group has been reconvened, and is commissioning a county-wide Gypsy & Traveller Strategy to help facilitate joint work on provision of sites and services and capture best practice. A County-wide floating support service has been commissioned for gypsies and travellers within the Cambridgeshire Supporting People framework agreement, with a target to increase provision across the county

Cambridge has used the New Horizons report to feed into their draft site criteria.

In **Fenland** a bid was submitted to HCA in April 2010 to fund a Traveller site near Wisbech. Work is also underway to consider regularisation of tolerated sites.

Huntingdonshire's Gypsies & Travellers DPD is in progress.

South Cambridgeshire is preparing a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document to identify site allocations and planning policies that will be used to consider planning applications. The plan, currently at the issues and options stage, will consider how local need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches should be addressed.

Following the removal of the East of England Plan, districts have agreed to work together to meet the new "light touch" guidance issues in August 2010, and to continue to work to ensure temporary and permanent sites are available for these households and for Travelling Show People.

⁹ http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/crhb/publications/horizons_new_provision_project.pdf

¹⁰ http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/crhb/publications/cambridge_sub-region_traveller_needs_assessment_2006.pdf

Further reading

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http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/shma/ch_12_housing_stock_condition.pdf
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Chapter 21: Affordability in the Current Market
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/shma/ch_21_affordability_2009.pdf
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Chapter 33: Gypsy and Traveller Housing Issues
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/shma/ch_33_gypsies_and_travellers_housing_issues.pdf
- Cambridgeshire Sub-regional Housing Strategy 2008 - 2011
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/crhb/publications/cambridge_sub-region_housing_strategy_2008-11.pdf
- Nene Waterfront
<http://www.nenewaterfront.com/>

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6 Challenges and opportunities

The following table is based on the assessment of challenges and opportunities to the growth of Cambridgeshire found within the Integrated Development Programme.

Challenge/Opportunity	Implications	How Cambridgeshire is responding
Positive steps need to be taken to ensure that growth in Cambridgeshire is consistent with a lower carbon economic future	Low carbon solution, including renewable energy provision, building design, and particularly, transport need to be “designed in”. New communities must be resilient to climate change impacts such as extreme weather.	<p>The partnership takes these issues seriously, and is undertaking a number of projects with regard to renewable energy, water management, and zero carbon homes. The Integrated Development Programme considers the countywide investments needed to achieve low carbon outcomes.</p> <p>A particular success has been the Cambridge North West Joint Area Action Plan, which requires housing to be built to Level Five of the Code for Sustainable Homes, in advance of this being a legal requirement.</p>
There is a need for some rebalancing of housing and employment growth in the Ouse Valley in order to effect higher levels of sustainability	Role of market towns in Huntingdonshire needs to be developed.	A number of projects and key interventions are underway to develop the economic role of the Cambridgeshire market towns. These include Shaping Fenland and the regeneration of Huntingdon town centre.
Steps need to be taken to safeguard and enhance the provision of green infrastructure	Investing in green infrastructure, both within urban areas and along key corridors, etc., needs to be a priority	The Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy review will allow the strategy to shape planning policy. It has already driven forward a number of projects, and will support a holistic approach range of interventions.
Issues relating to water supply and flood risk management need to be appropriately managed	These issues must be embedded in planning policy so as to be fully considered by the growth agenda	Water Cycle Strategies are being produced across the county to embed water issues within new developments and planning policies. Water issues are also being considered holistically within climate change mitigation projects.
The severe transport constraints facing both Cambridge and the wider Cambridgeshire area are stifling economic growth	Addressing transport constraints must remain a priority	Transport considerations, both local and strategic, are being fully considered as the growth agenda is planned and developed. Funding is being sought from a variety of innovative sources in order to ensure adequate travel capacity and a shift towards greater use of sustainable transport.
Cambridge as a whole needs to address substantial net in-commuting by increasing housing capacity	More housing is needed in the Cambridge area in locations that are appropriate in relation to the main employment sites	Considerable volumes of additional housing are being developed on the fringes of Cambridge, including 4000 homes on the Southern Fringe and 6000 to the North West. In addition, the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway will improve links to the larger employment areas (Science Park, city centre, Addenbrooke's)
The Cambridge area has outstanding strengths linked to biomedicine and is a global centre of excellence in this	Steps need to be taken to ensure that the economic impacts linked to these assets are captured to the full	The development at Cambridge Southern Fringe is key and its rationale links strongly to nurturing the growth of this sector, notably the provision of housing appropriate to the needs of people who work on the Addenbrooke's site

Challenge/Opportunity	Implications	How Cambridgeshire is responding
There is a need to invest to support the continuing growth of the high tech cluster, recognising that recent progress has been slower than expected	There is a need to recognise the wider needs of the cluster over the long term. In this context, provision for high tech manufacturing may be especially important	The need to make provision for high tech manufacturing is implicit within planning policy, including development of the market towns, and economic development planning.
The University of Cambridge needs to grow, to maintain its global position, and to ensure that economic impacts are captured locally. The University could also contribute more to the shaping of the growth for the city as a whole.	The development plans of the University should be factored into planning policy and supported as appropriate	The North West Cambridge urban extension is key to this, making explicit provision for the expansion of university facilities and buildings, in addition to housing for university key workers
Cambridge has an important role as a regional service centre and this role needs to continue to develop	Investment in Cambridge City centre and the station area is a continuing priority: the city centre must be consistent with the needs of a growing population	The CB1 development will enhance the main gateway into Cambridge and improve connectivity to the city centre.
The role of tourism in the local economy needs to be recognised	Tourism is seen as double-edged particularly in Cambridge itself, but it is an important contributor to economic growth	Regeneration projects such as the CB1 site and Huntingdon town centre will have a key role. Tourism is a consideration of the sub-regional economic strategy.
The Fens area is performing weakly economically, and its economic growth prospects are not strong	A long term regeneration strategy is needed for the area, recognising and responding to some of the underlying challenges	Regeneration priorities and economic development projects are identified in the rural districts' planning policies, particularly for March and Wisbech. These will respond to the skills challenges in the Fens.
Cambridgeshire has an acute shortage of affordable housing, as economic and population growth has outstripped housing growth, putting pressure on house prices	The Cambridgeshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment has examined in detail affordable housing needs, local planning policy have embedded requirements for affordable housing	All the Cambridgeshire Local Planning Authorities have set ambitious but achievable affordable housing targets. Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire require 40% affordable housing, and this policy has been supported by a recent landmark appeal decision. Delivering these policies will allow new communities to be balanced and mixed, as well as reducing commuting distances.
Cambridgeshire has considerable assets in terms of the historic environment, both in Cambridge, the market towns, and wider landscapes.	New communities must respect the existing historic environment, enhancing it wherever possible to promote a sense of place.	The Quality Charter for Growth includes Character as a key theme, highlighting the need to respect existing buildings and landforms when planning and building new communities. The Quality Charter has been endorsed by local authorities in Cambridgeshire.

Further reading

- **Cambridgeshire Integrated Development Programme**
http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/to%20be%20filed/final_cambms_idp_dec_09.pdf

7 Delivery mechanisms

7.1 Joint working

Partnership and joint working arrangements have been established to deal with the cross-boundary issues arising during the planning and development of Cambridgeshire's new communities. Major planning applications spanning the boundary between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District administrative areas are determined by a Joint Development Control Committee, which includes local councillors from Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridgeshire County Councils. A Director of Joint Planning advises these committees. These arrangements are supported by a Joint Planning budget from the department of Communities and Local Government (CLG).

To project manage and drive the delivery of the growth agenda, the Local Delivery Vehicle Cambridgeshire Horizons was created. Cambridgeshire Horizons is governed by a Board with representation from all six local authorities within the county, as well as business, health, further education and government agencies.

With the expectation that economic conditions will be difficult in the short term, the growth partnership is seeking innovative solutions to deliver housing that might otherwise be stalled, both to meet the acute housing shortage and to stimulate economic activity. Whilst the economic situation necessitates a change in our realistic expectations, and suggests the need to look at different ways of delivering homes and infrastructure, it does not change the underlying arguments in favour of sustainable growth. In response to the economic downturn and deteriorating funding situation, the Cambridgeshire partners have taken a number of innovative approaches to make progress with sustainable growth.

7.2 Housing Growth Fund

Cambridgeshire has been successful in securing awards of Growth Area Fund (GAF) and Housing Growth Fund (HGF). For 2008/09 £14.9 million of capital was made available. A further capital sum of £22 million has been made available for 2009/10 and 2010/11. As HGF is a programme- rather than project-based scheme, these monies can be used with great flexibility across the growth agenda.

The management of the Housing Growth Fund monies demonstrates how the growth agenda partnership arrangements operate effectively. Cambridgeshire Horizons co-ordinated and submitted the overall bid for funding, which was agreed by all six local authorities. As HGF is not ringfenced, once the amount of HGF had been confirmed a process of apportionment was required. Through the Horizons-chaired Growth Partnership Board, the projects to be funded were considered by all the local authorities seeking to make best use of the funding to meet agreed objectives. This proposed programme of projects was then discussed and ratified at member level by the Cambridgeshire Horizons Board. Horizons has then monitored the projects and reported progress.

7.3 Rolling Fund

Given reductions in public sector funding, consideration needs to be given as to how such funds can provide a genuine return. The growth partnership has therefore been seeking to use HGF as effectively as possible. In cases where development viability concerns are based on current cashflow, rather than long-term lack of profitability, a

'Rolling Fund' approach can be employed. This involves using funds with the expectation of a return, rather than as grant.

As well as payback clauses, this could involve the public sector taking an equity stake in developments. In such a case, the public sector would take on more of the up-front risk of a project, including investing in infrastructure, but would then take a share of the proceeds from property development in the long run.

7.4 The Variable Rate Tariff, or Community Infrastructure Levy

Cambridgeshire Horizons has been leading work to examine the potential for a countywide system of standard charging on new development, in order to fund infrastructure. This charge could take the form of the Community Infrastructure Levy, its successor should it be reviewed by government, or a Variable Rate Tariff based in Section 106 legislation. However the funds are collected, one of the aims would be to provide contributions towards sub-regional projects. Any charge would need to have varied rates to take account of differing development economics across Cambridgeshire.

7.5 Tax Increment Finance

Tax Increment Finance (TIF) is a method of borrowing funds to pay for infrastructure, on the basis that additional housing requiring that infrastructure will increase tax revenues. Although this system is widely used in America, it has not been tried yet in the UK, in part because the US has a wider range of local tax instruments, such as property tax, whereas the UK tax system is more centralised.

The use of this approach was mooted in the 2009 budget, and the Treasury confirmed on 20th September 2010 that local authorities will be granted the power to operate TIF schemes. An initial pilot scheme has been suggested for Cambridgeshire, using the increments in business rate income, which could be returned to local control. TIF offers a major opportunity to deliver new infrastructure locally, supporting economic development and sustainable growth.

7.8 Total Capital

Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing counties in the country. This has resulted in a growth agenda requirement to address housing needs and to facilitate future economic growth of the area. Cambridgeshire partners are committed to delivering high quality, sustainable growth which will improve the quality of life for new and existing residents. The delivery of this growth will require significant capital investment in a worsening public sector funding climate. This facilitates the requirement to get more from the public sector assets. In return, asset values would be expected to increase as the county grows.

Each of the ten public sector partner organisations in the county owns assets of some kind, including the central government estate, which is to be included in the next phase of the project. By mapping and analysing the usage of all the assets owned by each partner we can potentially yield significant savings by combining, sharing and leasing or selling disposable assets where possible. In addition, improvements to services would be possible through selective co-location of partners and reconfiguration of property assets.

The Total Capital project will lead to better asset information for decision-making and would seek to deliver a joint asset management strategy for Cambridgeshire. This would focus on rationalisation of the existing operational estate and maximising the investment potential from pooling public sector-owned land and buildings.

8 Investment priorities

This section sets out the investment priorities identified by each district in August 2010. Each district has its own planning and corporate priorities and its own intelligence regarding the resources needed and outcomes to be achieved; therefore each has taken a bespoke approach suited to the local area. An outline of the process to gather this data is summarised in the Executive Summary.

The following pages present a summary for each of the five districts and County Council, within the years 2010 to 2014 and beyond. Each summary includes:

- Total number of schemes identified and total funding required. Some of the funding required may be provided via Social Housing Grant. Where possible, districts have identified where Section 106 developer contributions are expected to pay a proportion of the overall costs of a project. However the level of information available varies, and in some cases negotiations may have reached a delicate stage. For this reason, estimates of total cost of development have not been included in district summaries.
- Number of schemes by priority. Each district has prioritised the projects identified on a scale of one to five, with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest. This prioritisation was based largely on deliverability and strategic importance.
- Number of homes and affordable homes identified as deliverable.
- Number of schemes and their costs by theme. Projects have been classified into the following seven themes: infrastructure, growth sites, regeneration, rural & market towns, supported housing, gypsy & traveller, and affordable housing supply.
- An outline phasing table for each project, organised by the priority identified. Wherever possible, districts have identified the years they anticipate each project starting on site and completing. These dates are used in the phasing table.
- A brief summary of the priority 1 projects identified by each district has been included. More specific information may be available upon request.

Notes on how the information has been gathered and presented

- Each district has completed its proformas independently, following guidance provided, which have been brought together through the CLIP process. Authorities have provided notes on their specific approach to the exercise, which are provided as an introduction to the summary pages which follow.
- Monetary values have been rounded up to the nearest £50.
- Some projects do not require additional funding but have been included for completeness, or to highlight the steps already in place in progressing a significant housing or community development which may require funding.
- By definition, some of the cost estimates for projects which will start in the later years of this plan may be less reliable than costs for projects which are ready to start on site.
- Guidance from the HCA led us to exclude “already funded” schemes (such as the growth site at Trumpington Meadows) and to include funding required for projects underway in 2010/11, although our main focus was on the three years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14.

8.1 Cambridge

Information on local priorities

This report provides a summary of the projects identified for future investment in Cambridge with indicative priorities. The projects are grouped for ease of review. Broadly consideration for priority has been based on projects that are critical for the City's growth; projects of importance due to their location; and projects that are well advanced in terms of their delivery.

Key

Priority 1 = Highest Priority

Priority 5 = Lowest Priority

Note

The indicative prioritisation of sites is as at August 2010 and is offered on the understanding that there will be the opportunity to review prioritisation regularly and at least annually.

GROUP A - GROWTH SITES

Priority 1 - Clay Farm, Glebe Farm - Southern Fringe

As well as HCA grant investment in new Affordable Housing, it should be noted that the Joint Strategic Implementation Committee (JSGIC) has agreed the principle of an equity investment arrangement with the Developers of Clay Farm to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure, subject to the local authority Finance Directors being satisfied by the details and Horizons taking the proposals through their proper governance procedures. S106 payments will deliver new community facilities and open space provision thereby demonstrating the added value of the HCA investment.

Priority 2 - Bell School, NIAB - Southern Fringe

Proposed as Priority 2 only in terms of the stage of these sites in the development process.

Priority 3 - Cambridge East

Similarly, proposed as Priority 3 only in terms of the stage of these site in the development process

General Note

Trumpington Meadows, Southern Fringe is excluded from the list of projects as it is already funded. NIAB Extra, NW Quadrant is assumed to be registered as part of the South Cambs DC submission, although it will be noted that 50% of the new Affordable Housing allocation will be in the favour of the City Council, as will Northstowe (which, it is understood is planned to be the subject of its own Local Investment Plan). The University site, Northwest Quadrant is noted has having no identified HCA investment requirements.

GROUP B - OTHER S106 SITES

Priority 1 - CB1, Cambridge University Press Phases 1 and 2, NIAB Frontage Phase 2.

CB1 is of strategic importance and the Cambridge University Press site is well advanced in the development process. NIAB Frontage has funding for the new affordable housing in Phase 1 but there remains an outstanding requirement for funding for Phase 2.

Priority 2 - Eastern Gate, Fire Station, Betjemen House, Artisan Apartments

These sites are proposed as Priority 2 in view of the importance of their location and in terms of the stage they have reached in the development process. It should be noted that Eastern Gate will require investment in public realm and other non-housing facilities.

Priority 3 - Milton Road Infant and Junior Schools, Cambridge City Football Ground
These sites are proposed as Priority 3 as they have less strategic priority and are less well advanced.

Priority 5 - All Other section 106 Sites

There are nearly 20 other sites that have been allocated in the Local Plan that are not well advanced or where little information has been provided by developers. There are also two sites in housing association ownership that are noted but in view of the uncertainty of timescales are prioritised as 5 at this stage.

General Note

It is anticipated that two sites at Cambourne will be registered as part of the South Cambridgeshire submission, although it should be noted that 50% of the new Affordable Housing allocation will be in the favour of the City Council. It should also be noted that the City Council will be an interested party in the two new extensions to Orchard Park (Extra 220 Homes) and Cambourne (Extra 950 Homes).

GROUP C - SITES IN THE COUNCIL'S OWNERSHIP

Priority 1 - Seymour Court, Roman Court

Seymour Court is the next priority scheme for Council New Build. Roman Court is prioritised as it is an empty former sheltered housing scheme that requires an early solution.

Priority 2 - Latimer Close, Barnwell Road, Year 2 Council New Build Programme

It is anticipated that the Council will have an ongoing New Build Programme that require HCA funding. This has been captured as a year on year programme rather than listing individual sites.

Priority 3 - Years 3 to 5 Council New Build Programme

Lower priority reflects a realistic view on deliver timetable rather than importance

GROUP D - NON-HOUSING PROJECTS

There are a number of important projects that have been identified that will require funding but that do not deliver any new affordable housing. These are listed below:

Public Realm - There are a number of potential projects that will significantly improve the public realm in strategic locations e.g. Market Square, Station to City Centre, Easter Gate.

Community Infrastructure funded by s106 - Where investment in new Community Infrastructure is planned through section 106 contributions, for example on growth sites, this information is noted on the relevant project pro-forma. A separate single project pro-forma captures all other projects where section 106 contributions will contribute to the improvement of existing open space, play and community development facilities.

County Enabling Works - Some projects will require investment in infrastructure and facilities that are the responsibility of the County Council to plan and deliver. It is not clear at this stage whether any investment requirement will be captured as part of the project pro-forma or will be captured separately and guidance is being sought on this issue.

General

	Value	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	57	
Total funding required	£224,205,150	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	10	18%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes	14	25%
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes	12	21%
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes	1	2%
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes	20	34%
Number of homes identified as deliverable	8,314	47%
Number of affordable homes identified as deliverable	3,922	

Themes

	Projects	Total Costs	Total Funding Bid
Infrastructure (I)	14	£82,090,650	£59,450,000
Growth Sites (G)	7	£306,898,550	£90,235,450
Regeneration (R)	3	£11,818,800	£5,325,000
Market Towns and Rural (M)	0	0	0
Supported Housing (S)	1	£2,006,900	£932,000
Gypsies and Travellers (GT)	1	0	0
Other Affordable Housing (A)	31	£175,600,850	£68,262,700

Timing of schemes scheduled for 2010/11 to 2013/14+

Note: Shading denotes years identified for funding required

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	After 2013/14
Priority 1								
Glebe Farm Development Site	G	286	114					
NIAB Frontage Site	G	187	58					
Council Houses, Seymour Court	A	30	21					
CB1 Station Area	G	331	132					
Cambridge Historic Core, Public Realm Improvements	I	0	0					
Roman Court	S	9	9					
Clay Farm Development Site - Affordable housing, community facilities and open space	G	2300	920					
Eastern Gate, Newmarket Road Corridor, Cambridge	I	0	0					
Project Cambridge	I	0	0					
Kaleidoscope Phase 2	A	55	55					

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	After 2013/14
Priority 2								
Section 106 The Fire Station	R	131	52					
Artisan Apartments	A	40	40					
Kendal Way Site	A	16						
Barnwell and Latimer Close	A	37	37					
Section 106 Eastern Gate	A	44	44					
S106 Betjamin House	A	156	63					
NIAB Development Site	G	1593	637					
Year 2 Council Houses	A	66	66					
Year 3 Council Houses	A	64	64					
Bell School	G	347	149					
City-wide community facilities	I	0	0					
City-wide recreation projects	I	0	0					
City-wide sports facilities	I	0	0					
Parks and Open Spaces	I	0	0					
Priority 3								
Section 106 Milton Road Primary School	A	71	31					
Cambridge City Football Ground	R	96	96					
Year 4 Council Houses	A	117	117					
Year 5 Council Houses	A	162	162					
Mill Road Depot	A	150	150					
North of Cherry Hinton Site	G	800	320					
New allotment provision - Southern Fringe	I	0	0					
CUP Housing Development - Off-site community facilities provision	I	0	0					
Informal Open Space - Southern Fringe	I	0	0					
Nightingale Avenue Pavillion	I	0	0					
Play Areas - Southern Fringe	I	0	0					
Sport Provision - Southern Fringe	I	0	0					
Priority 4								
East area community facilities	I	0	0					
Priority 5								
Homerton College	A	90	36					
British Telecom, Cromwell Road	A	140	56					
Downing College	A	100	100					
Section 106 Sandy Lane	A	22						
Eastfields	A	83	83					
Peverel Road Site	A	24	10					
Henry Giles House	A	48	19					

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	After 2013/14
Coldham's Lane/Newmarket Road Site	A	15	6					
Magnet Warehouse, Mill Road Site	A	50	20					
Ridgeons Site, Cavendish Road	A	28	11					
Grange Farm	A	35	14					
The Paddocks Trading Estate	A	93	37					
BT, Long Road	A	76	30					
295 Histon Road	A	22	13					
379 - 381 Milton Road	A	83	33					
Travis Perkins	A	76	30					
Willowcroft	A	67	27					
Mitchams Corner	A	43	17					
Parkside Police Station	R	131	52					
Additional New Pitches in Cambridge	GT	TBC	TBC					

Brief details of Priority 1 schemes

Glebe Farm Development Site

Delivers 114 affordable homes, made up of 86 social rented and 28 intermediate, alongside 172 private homes

Desired outputs

- 114 units of affordable housing at Code Level 4

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community

NIAB Frontage Site

Delivers 58 affordable rented homes among 129 private homes, over two phases

Desired outputs

- 58 units of affordable housing.

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community

Council Houses, Seymour Court

Delivers 21 affordable rented homes, alongside 9 private

Desired outputs

- 21 units of affordable housing at Code Level 4
- 2% of units fully wheelchair accessible.

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community

CB1 Station Area

Delivers 331 total units, of which 40% affordable. Three additional units negotiated in phase 1). Tenure mix: 75% social rented and 25% shared ownership.

Provides a capital contribution to The Junction youth and cultural centre for the Station Area re-development

Desired outputs

- 133 new affordable housing units
- Mix of social rented and shared ownership
- Improved facilities at The Junction to meet local need

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Mitigates increased population.
- Helps deliver balanced community and increased social cohesion

Roman Court

Former City Council sheltered scheme divided into two wings - CCC retains ownership of one wing and is funding refurbishment to create self contained accommodation for older people. Second wing (specified in CLIP) to transfer to Papworth Trust on long lease at peppercorn rent. The wing will be refurbished to provide 9 self contained one and two bedroom flats of supported housing for young people with learning and physical disabilities. Built to full wheelchair standard incorporating high level environmental standards in line with 'Greening the Box'.

Desired outputs

- Flagship project for young people with learning and physical disabilities

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community

Clay Farm Development Site

Delivers 920 affordable units, of which 690 social rented and 230 intermediate on a site of 1,380 private units.

Community facility (including health, library and community centre, Police touchdown space) serving development sites across the Southern Fringe of Cambridge.

Adoption and maintenance of a large piece of open space containing: balancing ponds, school playing fields, open informal space, NEAP's, informal play areas and cycle paths.

Desired outputs

- 920 units of affordable housing at Code Level 4.
- 1 community building serving the southern fringe developments.
- Co-located community needs
- Extensive new open space.

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community
- Provides a focal point for balanced communities and social cohesion.

Kaleidoscope Phase 2

55 x 1 and 2 bed affordable flats

Desired outputs

- 55 affordable housing units to complete this scheme
- Includes units to wheelchair standard

Desired outcomes

- Meets identified housing needs
- Increases housing choice
- Delivers a mixed and balanced community

Eastern Gate, Newmarket Road, Cambridge

There is a need to improve this important route into Cambridge, and there are a number of redevelopment opportunities which will revitalise the area. These include:

- Improvements to traffic movement and circulation. Improved cycle and pedestrian routes along Newmarket Road, removal of pedestrian guardrails along Newmarket Road and east Road, re-establishment of historic links, re-connecting streets and strengthening key strategic routes and improvements to gateway/entry points.
- Improvements to open space, land use and activity. Improvements to existing open spaces and underused areas, encouragement of mixed use development, creation of active frontages onto the public realm.
- Improvements to the built environment through new development.

Projects include remodelling Elizabeth way roundabout, improvements to Newmarket Roads and East Road, remodelling of other traffic dominated junctions such as St Matthew's Street and Coldham's lane junctions. Guidance will also allow for improved quality of the built environment for new development in the area.

Desired outputs

- High quality improvements to the area through good quality design to the built environment and sustainability improvements;
- Thriving communities

Desired outcomes

- High quality public transport link from East of the city connecting to the R&R through to the city centre;
- Co-ordinated public realm and environmental improvements on Eastern Gate;
- Revitalised shops, services and businesses along the route;
- Encouraging more movements by public transport, bike and on foot.

Project Cambridge

This project seeks to improve road infrastructure and public realm between Cambridge Rail Station and the City Centre, to make it easier to get in and out of Cambridge by bus, by bike or on foot. This is a critical link in the City and such improvements are vital to the long term success of Cambridge. Key projects include:

- Widening of pavements to better cope with demand, reduce street clutter and provide improved cycle parking facilities, planting of street trees to provide the green continuity established further along the route on Hills Road
- Reallocation of space and improvements to the setting of the Our Lady of the English Martyrs Church.
- More direct pedestrian crossings and introducing cycle lanes on approaches to key junctions, to help prioritise cyclists at busy junctions.
- Opportunities to rediscover the function and vitality of the 'high street' and revitalisation of the hub at Hills Road.

- Link proposed CB station square to Hills Road, via high quality public realm
- Improve the connection into Cambridge Leisure from Hills Road.

Desired outputs

- Improved road infrastructure and public realm between Cambridge Rail Station and the City Centre in order to make it easier to get in and out of Cambridge by bus, by bike or on foot.

Desired outcomes

- High quality pedestrian and cycle link from the Station to the City Centre.
- Revitalised shops, services and businesses along the route.
- Encouraging more movements in Cambridge by public transport, bike and on foot.

Cambridge Historic Core, Public Realm Improvements (market square)

The Market Square commands the central location of Cambridge, with streets radiating off each corner, linking to the main tourist attractions and retail streets of the City. The public realm of this central, focal area of Cambridge is outdated and fails to complement the historic setting of Cambridge. Public Realm improvement works are desperately needed to ensure the future of Cambridge for both locals and visitors alike. It is important to recognise that the public realm forms part of the setting of the historic core and therefore forms part of the attraction to visitors.

This project will involve the development of a Public Realm Strategy for the centre of Cambridge, followed by phased design and construction works over a period of 3-5 years.

The objective of these works would be to enable improved pedestrian prioritisation and to establish continuity of paving, street furniture, lighting and signage throughout the centre of Cambridge.

The result of these works will be a revitalised historic core of the City of Cambridge.

Desired outputs

- Improved pedestrian prioritisation and continuity of paving, street furniture, lighting and signage in the centre of Cambridge.

Desired outcomes

- High quality built and natural environment in central Cambridge for all to enjoy and be proud of.
- Maintain the special character of the historic core of Cambridge.
- Benefits to tourism and the economy.

8.2 East Cambridgeshire

Context

East Cambridgeshire sits within the East of England Growth Area and as a result there is considerable pressure on land and housing. Development of the district needs both to provide places for people to live, work and visit and to enhance, rather than damage, the environment. The new Sustainable Community Strategy for East Cambridgeshire, (to be published in Autumn 2010), will emphasise the Council's commitment to further sustainable growth and expansion. During the past decade East Cambridgeshire has exceeded its RSS targets for housing growth, mainly due to large new developments to the west of Ely and in Soham.

The Local Development Framework is well developed, with the core strategy adopted in October 2009, and the bulk of development in future will central on the three market towns of Ely, Littleport and Soham, with extensive development planned on land to the north of Ely. The latter proposals are outlined in the Ely Masterplan, published in 2009, and masterplans for Littleport and Soham are in preparation, detailing the council's plans for these towns up to 2025.

We know that East Cambridgeshire needs more affordable housing with good infrastructure, including high quality, accessible open spaces. The ageing population also means that future development will require a range of housing and support services for older people.

Around half of all employed residents travel to work outside the district, placing considerable pressure on transport networks. There is a high dependency on cars throughout the district, which in turn contributes to congested main roads and parking problems for those trying to access services in the towns. The decline in rural services such as shops and post offices is causing isolation for our most disadvantaged groups, particularly those who do not have access to a car. Encouraging people with skills to work in the district through the development of appropriate work opportunities is vital for the future growth and sustainability of the local economy and the council's economic strategy will support this.

For the three years or so from 2010, however, little is planned in terms of large housing development yielding affordable housing from planning gain, and the council will be focusing its efforts on rural exception sites, smaller sites in villages and market towns where housing need is great, developing housing appropriate for the ageing population and on developing the infrastructure necessary for the future expansion of the larger towns.

The Council will support the development of parish plans, where local communities identify the needs of their village and towns now and for the future and agree actions to make change. Affordable rural housing is at the heart of many of these plans.

This Local Investment Plan therefore lists both housing and supporting infrastructure projects, which may obtain funding from many possible sources. It supports the Council's key objectives and the themes mentioned above and is focused, for affordable housing purposes, on the council's immediate aims to

- Develop smaller sites and rural exception sites
- Begin to develop infrastructure to support works proposed in the local development framework and in the masterplans for the market towns

- Develop more appropriate housing projects to meet the needs of a changing demography, and in particular to meet the needs of a rapidly ageing population

Proformas are therefore attached for the following (listed by theme)

Smaller and rural sites and short term projects for the expansion of Ely

- Lisle lane/PoW hospital - the shorter-term projects for the northern expansion of Ely
- Beck Road Isleham
- Bendyshe Fm/Bell Rd Bottisham
- ECDC owned small sites
- Fordham Rd (NW of Regal Drive) Soham
- Old Station Goodsyrd Littleport
- RES's longer term
- RES's medium term
- White land Highfield Farm Littleport
- 5 Soham rd Fordham
- Station road Soham

Sustainable Infrastructure projects

- Soham Station
- Eastern Gateway Soham
- Ely Leisure Village
- Ely Country Park
- Ely Sewage works
- Ely Pedestrian and City Cycle Improvements
- A10 Public Transport Improvements
- Ely Station Interchange
- Ely City bus interchange
- Ely Southern Link Road
- North Ely expansion
- City Centre redevelopment sites (Waitrose/ ECDC, Paradise)

Changing Housing for an ageing population and meeting special needs

- Bell Holt Ely
- John Becket court and Bedford house Ely
- Extra care scheme - Littleport
- Supported housing for vulnerable ex offenders

General

	Value	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	26	
Total funding required	£48,671,000	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	5	21%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes	12	50%
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes	4	17%
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes	3	13%
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes	0	0%
Number of homes identified as deliverable	3,932	34%
Number of affordable homes identified as deliverable	1,337	

Themes

Theme	Projects	Total Costs	Total Funding Bid
Infrastructure (I)	7	£31,444,000	£27,865,000
Growth Sites (G)	2	£104,000,000	£2,000,000
Regeneration (R)	2	0	0
Market Towns and Rural (M)	3	£15,652,000	£7,321,000
Supported Housing (S)	5	£18,000,000	£4,800,000
Gypsies and Travellers (GT)	0	0	0
Other Affordable Housing (A)	7	£18,809,950	£6,685,000

Profiling of schemes scheduled for 2010/11 to 2013/14+

Note: shading denotes years identified for funding

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	After 2013/14
Priority 1								
North of 21 Beck Road, Isleham	A	21	5	■				
A10 Public Transport Corridor	I	0	0	■	■			
5 Soham Road	M	32	32	■	■			
Fordham Road, Soham	A	96	29	■	■			
Ely Railway Station Interchange	I	0	0				■	
Priority 2								
Land between Bendyshe Farm and Bell Rosad, Bottisham	A	46	9	■	■			
Rural Exception Sites - medium term	M	122	122	■	■	■		
Old Station Goodsyrd, Littleport	M	20	6		■	■		
East Cambs DC owned sites for affordable housing	S	19	19		■	■		
John Beckett Court and Bedford House	S				■	■	■	

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	After 2013/14
Rural Exception Sites - longer term	M	16	16					
Soham Railway Station Eastern Gateway, Soham	I	150						
Ely City Centre Bus Interchange	G	0	0					
Ely Country Park	I	0	0					
Lisle Lane and Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely	A	200	60					
North Ely	G	3000	1000					
Priority 3								
Bell Holt, Ely	S	80						
Ely Sewage Works Station Road/The Causeway, Soham	R	0	0					
Supported housing for people with high needs, Ely	A							
Priority 4								
Ely City Centre	S	0	0					
Ely Leisure Village	I	0	0					
Littleport Extra Care Scheme	S	0	0					
No priority specified								
Ely Southern Link Road	I	0	0					
White Land, Highfields Farm, Littleport	A	130	39			1200		

Brief details of Priority 1 schemes

North of 21 Beck Road, Isleham

S106 site - detailed consent for 21 homes including 5 social rented, 3 and 4 bed. Land sold by parish council with a "local connection" nomination criteria agreed

Desired outputs

- 5 rented homes that otherwise would not be swiftly delivered

Desired outcomes

- Large families in adequate accommodation

A10 Public Transport Corridor

To increase the bus service along this vital corridor between Ely and Cambridge by doubling the frequency and providing Real Time Bus Information. There is currently an hourly service between Ely and Cambridge, with most buses operating via the nearby villages. This gives an unattractive service. There is also no RTBI at any point along the route. Ely has exceptionally high levels of out commuting, which would be relieved by increasing the number of bus passengers, as well as reducing congestion on this major corridor.

Desired outputs

- Provision of a half hourly bus service

Desired outcomes

- Increased number of bus passengers
- Reduced congestion and reduced CO₂ emissions

5 Soham Road

100% affordable housing development, part within development envelope (10 units) and part Rural Exception Scheme (22 units).

Desired outputs

- 32 affordable homes including 26 social rented and 6 new build homebuy.
- Rural homes, including 12 larger (three and four bed) homes
- Additionality: this scheme delivers 7 more affordable homes than our policy requirement

Desired outcomes

- Improved housing conditions for those in need
- Improved sustainability of rural community

Ely Railway Station Interchange

To improve transport interchange facilities at Ely rail station, between rail and all other modes. Ely rail station is seen as an important gateway to the city and the current situation is very poor and unwelcoming, particularly for pedestrians.

Desired outputs

- Improved interchange

Desired outcomes

- Increased use of sustainable transport methods

Fordham Road, Soham

S106 site - 96 housing units including 29 affordable homes

Desired outputs

- 29 affordable units in accordance with policy, comprising 21 rented and 8 intermediate. The mix has been agreed with ECDC

Desired outcomes

- Improved housing conditions for those in need
- Improved sustainability of this rural market town's community

8.3 Fenland

The Shaping Fenland's Future Project (precursor to the Fenland Investment Plan)

Our Corporate Plan demonstrates that we want to improve the quality of life for all of our residents. We already work in partnership to address the needs of the local community, but we now want to look at the really big picture which is why we've launched 'Shaping Fenlands Future'.

The aim of this project is to create a vision that will inform the activities and investment of key public and private sector businesses over the next 20 years and into the future.

It is accepted that to address all the issues Fenland faces FDC can not do it alone, therefore key partners such as Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), East of England Development Agency (EEDA), HCA, Cambridgeshire Horizons, National Health Service Cambridgeshire (NHS Cambs), Government Office for the East of England (Go East), Partner Registered Social Landlords, the Police Authority and the Fenland Strategic Partnership (FSP) are supporting the Shaping Fenland Future project.

A holistic partnership approach to forward planning services and the social, economic, environmental and physical infrastructure is required to identify the needs and opportunities required in order to maximise the potential of the district. The results of which will shape an enhanced Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). We have been able to commission AECOM Design and Planning to support and deliver the project.

The Shaping Fenland consultant (made up of a professional and experienced multi disciplined team) will take forward a visioning exercise to develop a settlement hierarchy and establish broad locations for growth. Set in this context, with an infrastructure delivery plan, this will inform the future SCS and the evolving Local Development Framework (LDF).

Shaping Fenland is about developing an integrated approach to spatial planning including social, economic and environmental issues. The concept ensures that the future growth of Fenland is set within an overall context that is sustainable and that delivers real benefits for the local community.

The Shaping Fenland project team are considering the evidence base work completed to date to develop an overarching vision that ties together housing with other economic, social and environmental aspects. The work will then put forward recommendations on the overall scale of growth, strategic sites to accommodate this growth and the housing mix of these sites. Once completed, the Shaping work will also form part of the evidence base that is legally required to inform and support the statutory Local Development Framework.

The development of a strategy for affordable housing including the mix and viability of sites is an important part of the Shaping Fenland Project. The completion of this project towards the end of 2010 will establish a growth strategy for the next 20 years, giving confidence that we have a confirmed approach to deliver affordable housing as part of that process. We expect to be able to develop a fully costed long term plan and approach for affordable housing when this project is complete. We will firmly embed this approach into our Local Development Framework during 2011.

It is important to note that the Shaping Fenland project is effectively a single conversation for Fenland District. Unlike more conventional LDF delivery the process fully involves all our key stakeholders (as discussed above). Each stage of the process will be fully signed off by the Partner Steering Group to ensure that everyone is working to the same approach.

To find out more, and to hear from some of the key public organisations backing the Shaping Fenland project have a look at the Shaping Fenland DVD and booklets:

http://www.fenland.gov.uk/assets/shaping_fenlands_future/shaping_fenlands_future.pdf

<http://vimeo.com/11302277>

Structure of Fenland's LIP

- Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan
- The Shaping Fenland Project
- Summary Table of Development (Pre Shaping Fenland Investment Plan)
- Nene Water Front Regeneration Project
- Sites with Planning Permission
- Sites with Planning Permission Anticipated in the near Future
- Specialist Housing - Rural Exception Sites
- Specialist Housing - Supported Housing

Draft for consultation

General (Based on two potential options for the Nene Waterfront site)

	Value (NWF option 1)	Value (NWF option 2)	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	56	56	
Total funding required	£26,541,770	£25,147,366	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	18		33%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes	5		9%
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes	2		4%
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes	30		55%
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes	0		0%
Number of homes identified as deliverable	2,133	2,363	
Number of affordable homes identified as deliverable	952	943	
Average percentage affordable this represents, across the district	45%	40%	

Themes

Theme	Projects	Total Costs (NWF Option 1)	Total Costs (NWF Option 2)	Total Funding Bid (NWF Option1)	Total Funding Bid (NWF Option2)
Infrastructure (I)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Growth Sites (G)	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Regeneration (R)	2	£10,930,800	£3,870,000	£3,395,404	£2,001,000
Market Towns and Rural (M)	4	£2,099,320	£2,099,320	£2,955,000	£2,955,000
Supported Housing (S)	3	£23,400,000	£23,400,000	TBC	TBC
Gypsies and Travellers (GT)	1	£2,200,000	£2,200,000	£2,200,000	£2,200,000
Other Affordable Housing (A)	46	£32,469,860	£32,469,860	£17,991,366	£17,991,366

Profiling of schemes scheduled for 2010/11 to 2013/14+

Note: Shading denotes years identified for funding required

Site Address	Theme	Total plots	AH Generated	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15+
Priority 1								
Grounds Ave, March	A	27	27	■				
Tinkers Drove, Wisbech	A	5	5	■				
Former Playing Field Kingsfield Treeway, Chatteris	A	65	65	■				
Land North Of 148 - 150 Stonald Road, Whittlesey	A	34	34	■				
Tern Gardens, Chatteris	A	20	7		■			
Acacia Ave, Wisbech	A	31	31		■			
Storbeck Garages, Wisbech	A	8	8		■			
Land south of Elliot Rd, Fishermans Drive, March	A	63	33		■			
Land West Of Ramsey Road (Aliwal Site), Whittlesey	A	24	8		■			
Fenland Park Lerowe Road, Wisbech	A	83	29		■			
Harrys Way, Wisbech	A	40	40		■			
Exception Site, Parson Drove	M	10	10		■			
Nene Waterfront, Wisbech Option 1	R	100	52			■	■	
Nene Waterfront, Wisbech Option 2	R	330	43			■	■	
Old Field Lane, Wisbech	A	42	13			■		
Land North-west Of Saldean High Road, Guyhirn	A	15	5					
Highways Depot, Queens Street, March	A	24	7					
Young Peoples Foyer, March	S	17	17					
Priority 2								
228- 230 Stonald Road, Whittlesey	A	24	8					
Land South West Of Williams Way, Manea	A	15	5					
Extra Care, Wisbech	S	50	50					
Extra Care, Whittlesey	S	50	50					
Priority 3								
Leverington	M	9	9		■			
Priority 4								
Exception Sites, Various	M	40	40			■		

Brief details of Priority 1 schemes

Grounds Ave, March

Backland to former council housing now transferred to a Registered Social Landlord, which can accommodate circa 65 dwellings.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 65 mixed tenure homes
- Delivery of homes on backland plot, making best use of the available land

Tinkers Drove, Wisbech

Delivery of 5 houses on scrubland owned by Cambridgeshire County Council in the Waterlees area of Wisbech. This is the area of a regeneration pathfinder project where the focus of the council neighbourhood team is to build social capacity and improve the environment.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- 5 affordable homes
- In addition to the social housing the scheme will release land required by the adjacent Community Centre for parking, improving accessibility and relieving congestion on surrounding streets. This will in turn help with letting the community rooms, making the Centre more sustainable.

Kingsfield Treeway, Chatteris

Delivery of 65 houses and flats on County owned land in Chatteris. Likely tenure mix: 60% social rented, 40% intermediate.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- A mix of affordable homes
- Making best use of County land assets

Land North Of 148 - 150 Stonald Road, Whittlesey

Delivery of 34 homes

Desired outputs and outcomes

- A proportion of housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 34 mixed tenure homes

Tern Gardens, Chatteris

Delivery of 20 dwellings, of which 7 affordable units resulting from S.106 agreement with the developer, Construct Reason. Will comprise four 2 bed and three 3 bed houses.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- A proportion of housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 20 mixed tenure homes

Acacia Ave, Wisbech

Will deliver 31 houses and flats on derelict land owned by Roddons HA in partnership with Wisbech Town Council. The scheme includes the provision of a community allotment site to be managed by Wisbech Town Council.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- 31 mixed tenure homes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- Community allotment site
- Derelict land brought back into use

Storbeck Road, Wisbech

8 houses and flats on a brownfield site, owned by FDC

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 8 affordable homes
- Making best use of this unused council-owned site

Land south of Elliot Rd, Fishermans Drive, March

Residential development of up to 63 residential units. Affordable housing anticipated as 33 houses on a mixed tenure site, to be developed in partnership with Lovells

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 63 mixed tenure homes
- Mixed, balanced community
- Joint venture with a private developer, assisting private housing market

Land West Of Ramsey Road, Whittlesey

Delivery of 24 dwellings comprising;

- 2 x 2-bed terraced houses
- 4 x 3-bed terraced houses
- 1 x 2-bed semi-detached house
- 3 x 3-bed semi-detached houses
- 1 x 2-bed detached bungalow
- 5 x 3-bed detached houses
- 8 x 4-bed detached houses

All with associated garages and parking, involving demolition of existing buildings.

Assuming 30% to 35% affordable housing which equates to 7 or 8 units

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 24 mixed tenure homes
- Mixed, balanced community

Fenland Park Lerowe Road, Wisbech

Delivery of 40 affordable homes

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- Facilitate delivery of a further 43 open market dwellings

Harrys Way, Wisbech

Delivery of 40 mixed tenure houses

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- Joint venture with an RSL to help release this stalled site

Exception Site, Parson Drove

10 houses on a rural exception site

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Housing that is affordable in a district where incomes are significantly lower than the rest of Cambridgeshire
- 10 affordable homes
- Delivery of affordable rural homes for local people
- Improved sustainability of a rural community

Nene Waterfront, Wisbech Option 1

The first phase of the £50 million regeneration project - the Boathouse Business Centre, Foyer Project, Yacht Harbour, Boatlift and Slipway - has been completed.

Three remediated and serviced sites have stalled. This option proposes the purchase of land and building 100 mixed open market, social rented and shared ownership homes, based on the 'Kickstart' approach to unlocking the site.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Get Phase 2 of the Wisbech Nene Water Front Regeneration Project going
- This will lead to the release of 330 homes in Wisbech
- 100 mixed tenure homes

Nene Waterfront, Wisbech Option 2

The first phase of the £50 million regeneration project - the Boathouse Business Centre, Foyer Project, Yacht Harbour, Boatlift and Slipway - has been completed.

Three remediated and serviced sites have stalled. This option proposes the purchase of 43 social rented and shared ownership homes. The Kickstart approach is not part of this option.

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Assist with the completion of Phase 2 of the Wisbech Nene Water Front Regeneration Project
- 43 affordable homes

Gypsy/traveller site sustainability project

Will allow for the refurbishment of 40 pitches and provision of 5 additional pitches

Desired outputs and outcomes

- Upgrade of 40 pitches to decent standard and securing the life of the pitches for an additional 30 years
- 5 additional pitches

Other Priority 1 schemes without specified dates:

Old Field Lane, Wisbech

Land North-west of Saldean High Road, Guyhirn

Highways Depot, Queens Street, March

Young Peoples Foyer, March

8.4 Huntingdonshire

Housing Strategy and the Strategic Context for Huntingdonshire's Local Investment Plan

Introduction

The completion of Local Investment Plans in Cambridgeshire is taking place at a Countywide level with Cambridgeshire Horizons leading the process, compiling a joint plan with each District providing information on their areas as required. This paper provides the strategic context for Huntingdonshire.

Background to Huntingdonshire

Huntingdonshire has been assessed under the Audit Commission's CPA framework as an 'Excellent' Council. The Council understands its role in helping to balance the housing market and to assess and plan for the future needs of the population. The Council no longer has housing stock as this was transferred through LSVT in 2000. We have a clear vision and ambition for Huntingdonshire and are committed to using our powers to intervene in the market to improve people's lives and make Huntingdonshire a better place to live. We aim to do this by improving housing conditions, balancing housing need and supply across tenures, offering help and assistance when people are in housing crisis and enabling opportunities for vulnerable people to live independently. We view all of these things as an important part of our place shaping role and are committed to working in partnership to achieve them.

The Council uses a range of information sources to help drive its plans and inform investment decisions including:

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) - this has been carried out in accordance with central government guidance
- Private sector stock condition survey - this was updated by desk-top study in 2008 and a new survey is currently being commissioned.
- Census statistics and other demographic projections
- Trends in our services and customer feedback

A few headlines from these information sources suggest:

- Huntingdonshire has an estimated population of 162,000. The population is projected to increase to 164,500 by 2021. Looking to the future, Huntingdonshire will see a decrease in the 30-59 and the 0-15 age group, and a significant increase in older people aged 65+ in addition to a general increase in single person households.
- Overall, Huntingdonshire is a fairly prosperous district where people enjoy a good quality of life. According to 'Huntingdonshire Today¹¹', deprivation in Huntingdonshire overall is relatively low although the ward of Huntingdon North, which includes a concentration of social housing has particularly high levels of deprivation. Unemployment remains relatively low at 4.0%, compared to the UK average of 5.7%, but has increased since 2006, when unemployment was calculated to be 2.9% and 5.1% respectively.
- 86% of the housing stock in Huntingdonshire is within the private sector so the Council's work on planning and developing new housing, improving existing housing conditions, and supporting owner-occupiers, tenants and landlords is

¹¹ Huntingdonshire District Council, 'Huntingdonshire Today', March 2008

important, particularly in the economic downturn when people have less disposable income to maintain or improve their homes.

- There is a significant affordability problem in the district with average house prices of £208,500 and average earnings of just £22,640 per annum. Huntingdonshire has the lowest proportion of social housing (12%) in the county, and one of the lowest proportions in the Eastern Region. It is estimated that 60% of the population do not presently earn enough to buy a lower quartile home. As a result of this there are nearly 3,718 (at 20 August 2010) households on the Housing Register, and the housing needs assessment in the SHMA states that there is a need to build between 738 new affordable homes each year to meet the need.
- There is a small BME population of about 3% in the district. Research leads us to believe that on the whole the BME population are better educated and skilled and hold better paid employment than the population overall. This varies between BME groups with Asian - Pakistani and Black - African groups facing higher levels of disadvantage. Approximately 4% of people on the Council Housing Register are from BME groups but statistics on the ethnicity of people re-housed show that people from BME groups receive housing allocations broadly in proportion with their representation on the register. Whilst this remains the case, the Council does not believe there to be a case for specialist BME housing schemes.

The Strategic Context: Huntingdonshire Sustainable Communities Strategy ¹²

The Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership has a Sustainable Community Strategy for Huntingdonshire, which sets out how, by working together, we can meet local and national priorities. The Community Strategy's long term vision is based on what local people have told us is important for them now and in the future, which is: Huntingdonshire is a place where current and future generations have a good quality of life and can:

- Make the most of opportunities that come from living in a growing and developing district;
- Enjoy the benefits of continued economic success;
- Access suitable homes, jobs, services, shops, culture and leisure opportunities;
- Realise their full potential;
- Maintain the special character of our market towns, villages and countryside; and
- Live in an environment that is safe and protected from the effects of climate change and where valuable natural resources are used wisely.

The Strategic themes are:

- Growth and infrastructure
- Health and well being
- Environment
- Children and young people

¹² Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy can be found at:
http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/HDCCMS/Documents/Business%20and%20Economic%20Development%20Documents/Huntingdonshire%20Strategic%20Partnership/hps1017_-_sustainable_community_strategy_booklet_web.pdf

- Inclusive safe and cohesive communities
- Economic prosperity and skills

Growing Success, the Council's Corporate Plan¹³

To support the Huntingdonshire Community Strategy aims (see above), the Council will strive to:

- make the most of the opportunities that come from growth by promoting the development of sustainable communities;
- enable people to realise their full potential and have access to suitable homes, jobs and services;
- work towards achieving a balance between social, economic and environmental needs; and
- maintain 'excellent' standards.

The Community aims are:

- A clean, 'green' and attractive place
- Housing that meets individual needs
- Safe, active and inclusive communities
- Healthy living
- Developing communities sustainably
- A strong, diverse economy

The Council aims are:

- To improve our systems and practices
- To learn and develop
- To maintain sound finances

Housing Strategy

The Council's Housing Strategy is currently being refreshed and new emerging priority outcomes further develop two of the community aims.

Developing Communities Sustainably

Priority Outcome 1. To ensure an appropriate supply and mix of new housing to meet future needs	
Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	The Local Development Framework sets out our planning policies and proposals for the area. This details our long term vision and overall approach to managing change up to 2026. The LDF Core Strategy was subject to an Examination in Public in March 2009 and adopted by the council in September 2009. The LDF allocated land for housing to meet our targets for growth. This was initially set to comply with the East of England Plan but following the Government's decision to revoke Regional Spatial Strategies the Council is minded to continue with this level of growth in support of population and economic growth. Supporting

¹³ Growing Success can be found at:

<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/HDCCMS/Documents/Business%20and%20Economic%20Development%20Documents/Best%20Value/Growing%20Success%202010-11.pdf>

	<p>policies aim to influence the development industry to build a range of house types sizes and tenures to meet the needs of the local population. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment is continually updated and provides our evidence base for housing need within the district.</p> <p>Selective regeneration is underway in Ramsey and in Oxmoor, Huntingdon where a regeneration initiative started some years back funded by the Single Regeneration Budget. Progress has been made with upskilling the local population, encouraging community development and improvements to the local area. There are further proposals for selective demolition and re development which would be of interest to the HCA.</p>
HCA investment areas	<p>Kickstart funding to stimulate the house building industry in the current market downturn</p> <p>Regeneration of Oxmoor</p>

Objective 2. To enable the provision of the social and strategic infrastructure to meet current and future needs.

Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	<p>Huntingdonshire District Council commissioned a joint consultancy team, led by EDAW plc, to undertake an in-depth study into the various physical and social infrastructure needs arising from the LDF Core Strategy. This informed the preparation of the Local Investment Framework (LIF) designed to assist the Council in delivering the Local Development Framework. A significant role of the LIF has been to determine the scope and scale of public sector and landowner / developer contributions required to deliver the supporting physical and social infrastructure, together with a broad agreement on a 'route map' for the way forward.</p> <p>Government guidance is awaited on proposals to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy that would be applied to all new housing to help fund the infrastructure costs associated with housing growth.</p> <p>Even with the proposed levy, there is a significant deficit in funding to pay for the infrastructure required to support housing growth. This has been quantified at the Spatial Planning Area level (see development schedule) consistent with the LDF Core Strategy.</p>
HCA investment areas	<p>Opportunities to fund infrastructure to enable housing growth to be delivered. This funding could be on a 'pump priming' basis. Depending upon site economics, the funding could be re-cycled once the development revenue starts to flow.</p>

Objective 3. To enable the provision of affordable housing

Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	<p>The Council seeks to maximise the land available for affordable housing with the recent LDF Core Strategy securing a target of 40% affordable housing on eligible sites. A tenure split of 70% social rented housing and 30% low cost home ownership is set out in the Policy to meet the needs identified in the Council's SHMA. These targets have been subject to a rigorous viability assessment by Drivers Jonas in 2009.</p> <p>There is very little land within HDC's ownership that has not already been transferred for affordable housing. The Council invests approximately £500k per year in new affordable homes and is willing to discuss with the HCA how this can be strategically targeted in conjunction with HCA's funding.</p>
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HCA investment areas	New affordable housing to fund 40% on eligible sites to a tenure split of 70% social rent 30% LCHO HomeBuy - local demand demonstrates a need for Open Market HomeBuy products, should funding become available.
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Housing which meets local needs

Objective 4. To promote well maintained and managed housing stock and bring empty homes back into use	
Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	<p>The Council encourages property owners to keep their stock in good condition through education, encouragement, targeted funding and where necessary, enforcement. RSLs have informed us that all their homes will meet the Decent Homes standard by the end of 2010.</p> <p>The Council has a number of initiatives to help improve energy efficiency and tackle carbon emissions. Examples include the Council's Warmer Homes for Life scheme which is funded entirely through the Government Decent Homes grant. This scheme provides insulation and heating controls to the homes of vulnerable people on low incomes. The grant is also used to tackle category 1 health and safety hazards. The number of vulnerable people occupying Decent Homes in the private sector exceeds the Government target but investment in this area remains an important tool in supporting vulnerable people to live independently, particularly given that the majority of people are over the age of 65. HCA support in this area is requested.</p> <p>A programme of retrofitting energy efficiency measures to existing stock is proposed and is subject to an exemplar demonstration project in the district. The Council would like to roll this programme out to more housing if funding were to become available.</p> <p>Although not a significant problem in Huntingdonshire, bringing empty homes back into use is a priority as empty homes are a wasted resource. If funding were available, more homes could be brought back into use and in return, through nomination agreements with the Council, households in housing need could be accommodated.</p> <p>An under-occupation project is being considered to ensure RSLs make most effective use of the homes they manage and support from the HCA is requested in this area.</p>
HCA investment areas	<p>Retro-fit eco scheme - the council has acquired two existing properties and working together with The Building Research Establishment, these are being converted to incorporate the latest energy efficient technologies. This will be a demonstration project to show the potential to show best practice in environmentally friendly renovation of existing stock.</p> <p>Decent homes for vulnerable people in the private sector - to continue to tackle energy efficiency and category 1 hazards for vulnerable people in the private sector.</p> <p>Tackling empty homes - to bring empty homes back into use and through nomination agreements, house households in need.</p> <p>Under-occupation project will require some HCA funding but is likely to provide excellent value for money in making larger units of accommodation available.</p>

Objective 5. To support opportunities for the vulnerable to live independently	
Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	The Council's approach is to support NHS Cambridgeshire in enabling people to remain fit and healthy in their own homes for as long as possible thereby reducing the reliance on more expensive institutional forms of care. Provision of adaptations, community alarms, and floating support are all ways we contribute towards this objective. Where people cannot live independently we aim to enable a range of supported housing to meet identified needs. We have a pipeline of supported housing projects that have been worked up in partnership with statutory agencies and Supporting People.
HCA investment areas	Adaptations - The Council invests significant levels of resource in DFG each year. Funding for adaptations in the RSL and private sector is about £1.2m per year. Supported housing - there is unmet need for certain client groups in the district and unfunded proposals include: Frail elderly - 2 extra care schemes with more planned Mental health - supported housing scheme Learning disability - shared living scheme Safer homes / handyperson scheme - to enable people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible by assessing their needs and ensuring that hazards in the home are eliminated.

Objective 6. To achieve a low level of homelessness	
Brief commentary on how we achieve objective	The Council aims to prevent homelessness wherever possible. Where homelessness cannot be prevented the Council and partners aim to provide adequate housing and support to meet needs.
HCA investment areas	Provide new or remodel the existing homeless hostel and enhance the provision to replace the existing outdated shared-living hostel with self-contained temporary accommodation (Coneygear Court).

Future Growth. The Planning Position and Potential Scenarios

Introduction

The purpose of this note is to provide an informed commentary on the current strategic planning policies, and the emerging and potential future growth scenarios, that could impact upon Huntingdonshire.

The District Council's view is that all of the emerging options for future growth should be predicated upon, and therefore able to support, the Council's aspiration to continue to deliver appropriate levels of high-quality sustainable growth within Huntingdonshire.

This paper initially outlines the basis of the current and emerging planning policy position and the scale of the related growth options. It then goes on to provide more of a commentary 'in detail' regarding the emerging growth scenarios in respect of the various different locations/geographic areas of the district.

The Strategic Planning Policy Position

The current strategic planning policy position is set out in the Adopted Huntingdonshire Core Strategy 2009 which covers the period to 2026. The Council is now preparing other local development documents which will augment, support and deliver the strategies and proposals as set out in the Core Strategy.

In terms of the statutory 15 year housing supply targets, Huntingdonshire needs to deliver a minimum of 14,000 new homes (this equates to an annual target of at least 560 dwellings per year) and related scale of employment growth, which equates to about 85 ha of new employment land, and appropriate retail growth, amounting to about 25,000m² of new floor space, in the period 2001 - 2026. The additional employment proposed will help to address the current levels of out-commuting, thus making the District a more sustainable place. Similarly, the proposed retail development will help retain local expenditure and revitalise the market towns.

These substantial developments will have to be supported by the related provision of additional infrastructure including green infrastructure and new and improved community facilities. To this end the Council has developed a Local Investment Framework (LIF) as part of its work on preparing the Core Strategy. The Council is working with its partners to identify the key roles and responsibilities for delivering the LIF. This may include the adoption of a 'tariff' approach towards the collection of developer contributions.

Huntingdonshire is already hugely committed to the delivery of significant amounts of that planned growth, with about 9,500 of those additional homes and significant amounts of that employment land already in the development pipeline. The Adopted Core Strategy makes provision to deliver the remainder of these minimum growth requirements through its directions of growth and it also points to opportunities for sustainable additional growth beyond 2026.

These developments will also assist in bringing forward much needed Affordable Housing. The Adopted Core Strategy has confirmed that it is appropriate that qualifying developments should seek to achieve a target of 40% affordable housing delivery.

The Huntingdon Area

The Huntingdon Spatial Planning Area, as defined in the Adopted Core Strategy, encompasses both Huntingdon itself and the close-by Key Service Centres (KSCs) of Godmanchester and Brampton. The Core Strategy directs strategic growth to appropriate locations within the SPA with mixed use development, mainly comprising further residential (1,800+ homes) and employment growth (18ha), to be delivered on key brown field sites in Huntingdon West and at the former RAF Brampton, and in a sustainable urban extension to the south-east of Godmanchester. Housing will also come forward via the current 'Northbridge' allocation (1,050 dwellings), which is the subject of various planning applications currently under consideration, and from other redevelopment and infill schemes on appropriate brown field and infill sites across the SPA.

Employment growth of some 33 ha, is to come forward on green field land to the north-west of Huntingdon. It is envisaged that the attractiveness and vitality of the town centre will continue to be strengthened with the on-going redevelopment of the Chequers Court area, which could deliver around 14,000m² of new and enhanced retail floor space, and via complementary retail development within Huntingdon West (which will deliver around 6,000m² of new retail floor space).

Additional infrastructure will need to be provided to support these developments, particularly recognising the need to increase road capacity for the town centre, within Huntingdon West and in Hinchinbrooke as a result of the planned A14 upgrading. Considerable progress, including the granting of planning permission and a resolution to pursue CPO powers if necessary, is now being made with regard to the delivery of the West of Town Centre Link Road.

Huntingdon has also been the focus for considerable regeneration efforts with progress being made with regard to the regeneration of the town centre, the delivery of new and enhanced community facilities and in respect of wider scale estate regeneration. The Oxmoor estate has been the location for some significant positive regeneration proposals, which have been supported by applicable Governmental and

local funding mechanisms, schemes which have delivered real tangible service and environmental improvements and other welcome related outcomes. This innovative work is on-going.

Alconbury Airfield lies a few miles to the north-west of Huntingdon. At the moment the site is in use for various temporary employment and storage purposes. Whilst it benefits from a current large scale extant employment permission (for a road/rail freight interchange and storage), its long term potential use remains uncertain. The site has been unsuccessfully promoted as a 'new settlement location' via the 'eco-towns' agenda and by various submissions to both the RSS and the RSS Review. The Council is currently engaging with the new owners of the airfield in order to learn more about their longer-term aspirations for the redevelopment of this important strategic site.

The St Neots Area

The St Neots Spatial Planning Area encompasses St Neots and the close-by KSC of Little Paxton. The Core Strategy directs large scale, strategic growth to a sustainable urban extension on green field land to the east of the Main East Coast Railway Line. It is envisaged that this sustainable urban extension could eventually deliver over 5,000 new dwellings, including the already commenced Loves Farm development, some 25 ha of new employment land, and new local shopping and community facilities. The Council's aspiration is that this development should be delivered in accordance with the highest environmental standards, and using the opportunity to utilise CHP, in-line with the emerging eco-quarter initiative. Capacity issues on the A428 will need to be addressed before the Highways Agency will support the delivery of the later elements of this additional growth. Other residential provision will continue to come forward via the development of existing commitments, and the bringing forward of redevelopment and infill schemes on appropriate sites within the SPA.

The employment element of the sustainable urban extension to the east of the town will also make St. Neots a more sustainable location. It is also proposed to improve the quality of the town centre in terms of shopping (with around 9,000m² of new retail floor space to be provided) and the range of available community and leisure facilities.

The St Ives Area

The St Ives Spatial Planning Area encompasses St Ives itself and the immediate area to the south of the river within the parish of Hemingford Grey. The adopted Core Strategy acknowledges that there are currently considerable outstanding commitments, both in terms of residential and employment land within St Ives and these, combined with considerable flood plain and landscape constraints have limited the scale of directions of growth in the Core Strategy to a modest urban extension to the west. Other limited residential provision will continue to come forward through redevelopment and infill schemes on appropriate brown field and infill sites within the SPA.

The Ramsey Area

The Ramsey Spatial Planning Area encompasses Ramsey itself and its immediate environs including Bury and part of the former RAF Station at Upwood. Ramsey is acknowledged to be the most remote and least sustainable of our market towns and it is currently suffering from considerable out-commuting and a decline in retail choice and local service provision. Accordingly the adopted Core Strategy focuses upon stimulating and bringing forward employment led, rather than residential led, regeneration.

There is planning permission for mixed use growth in the Gateway development to the north of town and the Adopted Core Strategy proposes the reuse and regeneration of part of the former RAF Upwood site for predominantly employment

led purposes. There will also be limited developments on brown field and infill sites elsewhere within the SPA. In total it is envisaged that about 300 homes and around 9ha of new employment land would be delivered within the Core Strategy period.

The Other Parts of the District

In the other parts of the District there are, and will continue to be, very limited opportunities to deliver any sustainable strategic growth. This was clearly endorsed by the Core Strategy Inspector. Even the District's KSCs are at the margins of sustainability and so there will be very limited additional growth in a few of the KSCs, at Sawtry, Yaxley and Fenstanton. Any other larger scale schemes that may come forward will need to be assessed on the basis of whether they are supportable departures from the agreed strategy.

The Council also acknowledges that it needs to put in place proposals to meet the defined needs of our Gypsy and Traveller community and work is on-going, in consultation with all interested parties, to prepare a targeted Development Plan Document. In accordance with the requirements of the Regional Plan Huntingdonshire needs to make provision for an additional 46 permanent pitches by 2021 plus potentially also take a share of the 'Cambridgeshire' requirement for transit and show peoples sites.

Local Infrastructure

Introduction

The Local Investment Framework (LIF) has identified a range of strategic and local infrastructure requirements over each of the Spatial Planning Areas (SPAs) defined in the LDF Core Strategy. This strategic infrastructure will be required and delivered by a combination of development proposals in each SPA. However, it is possible that the council may require assistance to unlock the delivery of specific development sites by early investment in strategic infrastructure and the HCA's assistance in such projects will be sought as necessary.

As a result, we have not, at this stage, identified specific infrastructure projects which will require HCA funding.

The information provided in this section refers to the Local Infrastructure Framework (LIF) work which is ongoing and which will inform the new Community Infrastructure Levy system which, it is envisaged will, eventually replace the historic planning obligation practices.

We have throughout provided information on an SPA basis - (including in the project pro-formas at Appendix 4). It is possible therefore to see the relationship between the infrastructure requirements for each SPA and individual projects.

Local Infrastructure Needed to Deliver the Core Strategy

PPS12 requires that a core strategy is supported by evidence of what physical, social and green infrastructure is needed to enable the amount of development proposed for the area taking account of its type and distribution. It should identify:

- Infrastructure needs and costs
- Phasing of development
- Funding sources
- Responsibilities for delivery

And in doing so it should draw on and influence any strategies and investment plans of local authorities and other organisations.

Consultants engaged by the council in 2008 (EDAW) prepared a Local Investment Framework (LIF) which took a snapshot of what infrastructure and investment would

be required to meet the needs of PPS12. It went further and produced a series of spreadsheets containing this information which enables HDC to update the data in order to maintain an accurate picture of the situation at any one time .

Further work was undertaken as part of the LIF to consider the economics of development within Huntingdonshire to arrive at a viable draft charge (tariff) per unit of development to eventually replace section 106 negotiations currently undertaken for planning obligations.

It is intended that the infrastructure needs and costs identified in the LIF will be amended from time to time in consultation with stakeholders and partners . The phasing of development (housing trajectory) needs to be updated each year in line with the annual LDF monitoring exercise. Additional information on funding resources from other organisations needs to be added to the model and a refinement of the tariff to keep it in line with land values is required in order to reassess the extent of the funding gap.

The LIF identifies the total transport, utility and social infrastructure required. The growth projections devised by Cambridgeshire County Council and EDAW were discussed with Anglian Water , EDF, the Environment Agency and the Independent Drainage Boards to identify the constraints and triggers to the growth locations in the District. There are a considerable number of transport infrastructure improvements identified in the three principal market towns. Not all of these represent a constraint to further development but many seek to provide and improve transport networks and would contribute to more sustainable travel patterns . They have been costed but, unlike social infrastructure, would not necessarily be funded by development (exceptions would be Market Town Transport Strategy contributions for cycling, footpaths, bus provision).

In geographical terms, social infrastructure is shown within identified Spatial Planning Areas and Key Service Centres. The local areas used in this report are as follows:

- Huntingdon Spatial Planning Area
- Ramsey Spatial Planning Area
- St Ives Spatial Planning Area
- St Neots Spatial Planning Area
- Yaxley, Sawtry and Fenstanton Key Service Centres.

The following tables detail the gross demand for social infrastructure for each local area, based on information from the 2008/9 LIF. The first table for each area provides a potential social infrastructure delivery option, alongside justification for the proposals. The second table suggests an appropriate phased programme for these delivery options based on population growth rates.

Explanatory Notes

General

The pro-formas summarise future projects (identified through the Annual Monitoring Returns and discussion with Registered Providers) that have the potential to provide a significant level of development which includes affordable housing.

Priority

We have assessed the priority of each project (priority 1 being the highest) according to its importance to the sustained development of the district and how well it meets priority need. Projects that have a good prospect of being delivered, usually those that are more advanced in the planning process, have been scored higher as have those having strategic importance (see also following note).

Immediate or Strategic

Given the approach we have taken in defining priority, we have not used the 'Immediate' definition since this introduces inconsistencies and lack of clarity in some instances. It will be clear which are immediate by considering the timescales indicated for each project. For field 3 therefore, we indicate only the priority and whether the project has strategic importance.

Status or Stage

The most helpful and simple measure of the status of these projects is their progress in the planning system.

Project Costs

We have interpreted this heading as the overall cost of the affordable housing in each project. We have not attempted to estimate the cost for every project, only those few where we have reliable information (from a Registered Provider closely involved with the project, for example).

Funding Gap

This field shows the capital grant required to deliver the affordable housing at the level and mix required by current policy. For Huntingdonshire, that is: 40 percent of new homes should be affordable and 70 percent of the affordable homes should be social rented. We have either used figures provided by Registered Providers or estimated that a rented home will need £45,000 in grant and an intermediate home would require £15,000. These assumptions do not take into account the level of capital funding that is likely to be available in the future. Current need and policy remain in force and our responses to changing markets and public funding conditions will evolve over time.

Funding Gap Years

We have assumed equal tranches at the start and end of each project. The tranches for larger projects have been profiled on the assumption that the affordable homes will be built in phases.

General

	Value	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	89	
Total funding required	£179,852,000	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	13	24%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes	15	28%
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes	25	46%
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes	1	2%
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes	0	0%
Number of homes identified as deliverable	7,898	
Number of affordable homes identified as deliverable	3,196	
Average percentage affordable this represents, across the district	40%	

Themes

Theme	Projects	Total Costs	Total Funding Bid
Infrastructure (I)	35	£544,950,000	£64,500,000
Growth Sites (G)	6	£7,310,000	£68,940,000
Regeneration (R)	4	0	£3,744,000
Market Towns and Rural (M)	2	0	£4,320,000
Supported Housing (S)	1	£8,100,000	£3,400,000
Gypsies and Travellers (GT)	0	0	0
Other Affordable Housing (A)	41	£16,965,000	£34,948,000

Profiling of schemes scheduled for 2010/11 to 2013/14+¹⁴

Note: Shading denotes years identified for funding required

Scheme name	Theme	No of homes	No of affordable homes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14+
Priority 1								
32 High Street, Brampton	A	21	3	Shaded				
Christie Drive, The Glades, H'brook	A	19	7	Shaded				
North of Houghton Road, St Ives	A	102	29	Shaded				
Former Retail, Barford Rd, Eynesbury	G	220	64	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded		
Golf Club, St Ives	A	128	37	Shaded	Shaded			
London Road, St. Ives (Jewson)	A	191	76	Shaded	Shaded			
Potential Rural Exception sites	M	60	60		Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	
Windmill Row, St Neots	A	24	10		Shaded	Shaded		
Whaddons/Buttsgrove Regen, H'don	R	55	55			Shaded	Shaded	
East Sapley, Oxmoor, Huntingdon	R	60	24			Shaded	Shaded	
St Neots Eastern Expansion	G	2370	948				Shaded	Shaded
Bearcroft Farm, Godmanchester	G	700	280					Shaded

¹⁴ HDC specified projects in detail up to 2024/25. More detail is available in the individual proformas. For this table, any project starting in 2014/15 or after is noted in the final column.

Scheme name	Theme	No of homes	No of affordable homes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14+
Under Occupation Project	A							
Priority 2								
115 High Street, Brampton	A	12	5					
West Street, Tan Yard, St Neots	A	23	9					
Smaller Rural Sites	M	150	60					
Parcel MXD C, Loves Farm, St Neots	S	58	58					
42 Huntingdon Street, St Neots	A	24	10					
Former Youth Centre, Priory Road, St Neots	A	27	11					
Land N. East of Regional College, Huntingdon	A	195	68					
Houghton Grange, St. Ives	A	90	36					
Corpus Christie Farm, GMC	A	25	10					
Gidding Road, Sawtry	A	190	76					
Northbridge Ermine Street	G	1057	423					
Primrose Lane, Huntingdon	A	30	12					
Ramsey Gateway	A	70	21					
Undeveloped Parcels, Loves Farm	A	100	40					
Loves Farm Reserve, St Neots	A	45	18					
Priority 3								
The Old Granary, Sawtry	A	10	4					
Kings Lane Garage, St Neots	A	12	5					
Land S. of Bus Garage, Huntingdon	A	68	37					
52 Chapel Street, Yaxley	A	14	6					
Unit 5 Bury Road, Ramsey	A	19	8					
Whytefield Road, Ramsey	A	35	14					
Bydand Lane, Little Paxton	R	49	14					
Earning Street, GMC	A	15	6					
Adj Leisure Centre, St Neots	A	15	6					
South of New Road, St Ives	A	20	8					
Ivy Nurseries, Fenstanton	A	45	18					
Regional College, Almond Road, St Neots	A	55	22					
Golf Club Extension, St Ives	A	380	152					
Car Park, Samuel Pepys School, St Neots	A	20	8					
RAF Upwood	A	100	40					
RAF Brampton	G	300	120					
Huntingdon West, Area Action Plan	G	200	80					
Coal Yard, Yaxley	A	25	10					
Snowcap Mushrooms, Yaxley	A	65	26					
Clyde Farm, GMC	A	60	24					
Bowls and Golf Clubs, Ramsey	A	15	6					
Football Club, St Ives	A	50	20					
Minnars Site, Earith	R	140	56					
Cambridge Road, Fenstanton	A	80	32					
Huntingdon Street, St Neots	A	25	10					
Priority 4								
Upwood Hill House	A	35	14					

Brief details of Priority 1 schemes

32 High Street, Brampton

North of Brampton High Street. The site consists of an unoccupied detached dwelling, set well back from the road and in a state of disrepair. The garden is overgrown but contains trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders some of which provide an important boundary between the site and the Memorial Playing Field.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 21 units of which 3 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- Create local jobs
- Maintain a balanced community mix
- New affordable homes
- New homes

Christie Drive, The Glades, Hinchbrook

The site, owned by Cambridge County Council, is opposite the Forensic Science Laboratory. Hinchbrook Country Park is to the south and new residential development is to the west.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 19 units of which 7 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

North of Houghton Road, St Ives

Flat agricultural land with trees and hedgerows along the western boundary. The northern boundary leads onto the St Ivo Outdoor Centre playing field. To the east is residential development and to the south is Houghton Road.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 102 units of which 29 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

Former Retail, Barford Rd, Eynesbury

West of a superstore and north of the A428 road. The land is currently without any significant landscape features. It was allocated for retail but now for housing.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 220 units of which 64 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

Golf Club, St Ives

The site is on the western edge of the town south of the main road. St Ivo School to the east forms the current edge of the built up part of the town.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 128 units of which 37 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

London Road, St. Ives (Jewson)

South of St Ives and east of London Road, mainly previously developed industrial land which is now mostly cleared.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 191 units of which 76 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- Brownfield remediation
- New affordable homes
- New homes

Potential Rural Exception sites

Potential exception sites in the district. This assumes that we will deliver 6 schemes of about ten homes each by 2017.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 60 units of which 60 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

Windmill Row, St Neots

This site should be looked at in conjunction with record 21 St Marys Urban Village. The site is bounded to the north by the High Street, to the South by Brook Street, and to the East by Church Walk. The land is in multiple ownership.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 24 units of which 10 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

Whaddons / Buttsgrove Regen, Huntingdon

Regeneration proposal to replace outdated RSL stock. The proposals would increase the number of homes by 10. All the new homes would be affordable. The grant estimate is for these 10 extra homes.

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 55 units of which 55 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- Brownfield remediation
- New affordable homes
- New homes
- Regeneration

East Sapley, Oxmoor, Huntingdon

Regeneration of Oxmoor estate using LA land for housing, an enterprise centre and a possible ExtraCare scheme. Two churches and a pub will be relocated. Development brief is published

Desired outputs

- This project would provide 60 units of which 24 would be affordable.

Desired outcomes

- New affordable homes
- New homes

St Neots Eastern Expansion at Wintringham Road and Land North of Cambridge Road
 Significant urban extension including 25 ha of employment opportunities and related community facilities.
 Desired outputs
 • This project would provide 2370 units of which 948 would be affordable.
 Desired outcomes
 • New affordable homes
 • New homes

Bearscroft Farm, Godmanchester
 Large strategic site in Godmanchester, south of Cardinal Park distribution depot. It is separated from the rest of the town by the A1198.
 Desired outputs
 • This project would provide 700 units of which 280 would be affordable.
 Desired outcomes
 • New affordable homes
 • New homes

Under Occupation Project
 The council estimates in the region of 400 affordable housing tenants are under-occupying their current home. Further research involving seeking these tenants' views on incentives that would induce them to move is to be carried out in the next six months. The project will be developed jointly with South Cambs District Council. The council anticipates that any interventions required to deal with this issue will require resources from HCA.
 Desired outputs
 • This project would provide units of which would be affordable.
 Desired outcomes
 • More efficient use of existing stock

Brief details of Strategic Infrastructure projects

St Neots Renewable Energy Project
 Creation of commercial business (ESCO) providing a broad range of comprehensive energy solutions including designs and implementation of energy savings projects and study work
 Timeframe: 2011 - 2016

Lt Barford Heat Off-take Project
 Opportunity to capture heat off-take created by Lt Barford Power Station to supply a District Heating network.
 Timeframe: 2016-2021

St Neots Town Centre Regeneration, including waterfront
 Development and economic intervention programme for redevelopment of retail centre and waterfront
 Timeframe: 2016-2021

St Ives to Huntingdon Bus Priority Measures
 Creation of bus priority measures between Guided Busway at St Ives to Huntingdon
 Timeframe: 2011-2016

Huntingdon Town Centre Regeneration

Redevelopment and economic intervention programme for revitalised retail centre
 Timeframe: TBC

Summary of Costs

St Neots Renewable Energy Project	£500,000
Lt Barford Heat Off-take Project	£49,000,000
St Neots Town Centre Regeneration, including waterfront	£5,000,000
St Ives to Huntingdon Bus Priority Measures	£5,000,000
Huntingdon Town Centre Regeneration	£5,000,000
Total	£64,500,000

Draft for consultation

8.5 South Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire District Council have prioritised growth area schemes jointly with Cambridge City Council, as these sites cross the boundary between the two local authorities. Other schemes have been prioritised according to deliverability, as set out below:

Priority 1 and 2: Deliverable within the next 12 to 24 months.

Priority 3 and 4: Details currently being worked up.

Priority 5: Scheme is at an early stage.

General

	Value	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	44	
Total funding required	£112,178,000	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	9	20%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes	10	23%
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes	8	18%
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes	11	25%
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes	6	14%
Number of homes identified as deliverable	8,518	
Number of affordable homes identified as deliverable	3,201	
Average percentage affordable this represents, across the district	38%	

Themes

	Projects	Total Costs	Total Funding Bid
Infrastructure (I)	1	£1,000,000	0
Growth Sites (G)	6	£203,796,200	£59,553,500
Regeneration (R)	0	0	0
Market Towns and Rural (M)	18	£29,616,600	£12,656,500
Supported Housing (S)	2	£18,035,000	£17,347,500
Gypsies and Travellers (GT)	2	£4,200,000	£4,200,000
Other Affordable Housing (A)	15	£42,195,400	£18,420,500

Profiling of schemes scheduled for 2010/11 to 2013/14+

Note: Shading denotes years identified for funding required

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014+
Priority 1								
The Valley, Comberton	M	11	11	■	■			
Meldreth Road, Shepreth	M	12	12	■	■			
Cambourne GC26	G	3300	1100	■				
Cambourne UC11	G			■	■			
Windmill Estate, Phase 2a, Fulbourn	A	30	30	■				
Challis Green, Barrington	A	39	39		■			
Cambourne Extra 950	G	950	380		■	■	■	■
2 new Gypsy/Traveller sites at new major development	GT	20	20					■
Site Refurbishment and additional pitches, New Farm, Whaddon	GT	2	2					■
Priority 2								
Orchard Close, Harston	A	7	7	■	■			
Wellbrook Way, Girton	A	11	11	■	■			
Ashwell Road, Steeple Morden	M	8	8	■	■			
Unwins Site, Impington Phase 1	A	13	13	■	■			
Walnut Farm, Landbeach	M	8	8	■	■			
Cambridge Road, Fowlmere	M	10	10	■	■			
Unwins Site, Impington Phase 2	A	14	14	■	■			
Station Road, Foxton	M	16	16	■	■			
Butt Lane, Great Wilbraham	M	4	4		■			
Orchard Park	G	220	89		■		■	
Priority 3								
New Road, Haslingfield	A	6	6	■	■			
Wellbrook Way, Girton Accent Nene	A	14	14	■				
Rural Exception Site, High Street, Babraham	M	11	11	■	■			
155 The Causeway, Bassingbourn	A	9	3		■			
Cambridge Road, Fulbourn	S	21	21		■	■		

Name of Scheme	Theme	Homes to be delivered	Affordable homes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014+
Land to the East of 18-28 Highfields, Caldecote	A	97	40					
NIAB Extra	G	1,000	400					
Trumpington Meadows Cycle Route	I	0	0					
Priority 4								
Rural Exception Site, Cottenham	M	5	5					
Church Street, Whaddon	M	8	8					
Haddows Close, Longstanton	M	8	8					
Comberton Road, Toft	M	14	14					
12 Green Street, Willingham	A	9	4					
Dry Drayton	A	18	18					
Aspinalls Yard, 2 Station Road, Willingham	A	4	4					
Great Eversden	M	10	4					
Hurdleditch Road, Orwell	M	15	15					
Former Police Station Site, Melbourn	M	16	16					
Former Police Station Site, Linton	M	18	18					
Priority 5								
Moore's Farm, Foxton	M	4	4					
Rural Housing on Exception Sites	M	136	136					
Section 106/Council Owned Land Affordable Housing Schemes	A	150						
Supported Housing Schemes	S	372						
Allocated Sites for Future Development	A	148						
Marshalls North of Newmarket Road	G	1750	700					

Brief details of Priority 1 schemes

The Valley, Comberton

Mixed tenure affordable rural scheme for 11 units.

Desired outputs

- Quality homes, including Code 3 - Sustainable homes
- Delivered on time and on budget

Desired outcomes

- 11 homes for affordable rent or shared ownership
- Homes for local people

Meldreth Road, Shepreth

Rural Exception site providing 12 affordable units and new play facilities for the parish

Desired outputs

- Quality homes
- Code 3 - Sustainable homes
- Delivered on time and on budget

Desired outcomes

- 12 homes for affordable rent or shared ownership
- Homes for local people

Cambourne GC26

Part of the original planning application to deliver a new settlement of 3300 new homes of which 30% is affordable

Desired outputs

- Additional units of affordable housing including, Code Level 4.

Desired outcomes

- Meeting identified housing need and increased housing choice, mixed communities.

Cambourne UC11

Part of the original planning application to deliver a new settlement of 3300 new homes of which 30% is affordable

Desired outputs

- Additional units of affordable housing including, Code Level 4.

Desired outcomes

- Meeting identified housing need and increased housing choice, mixed communities.

Windmill Estate, Phase 2a, Fulbourn

Mixed tenure scheme offering 30 affordable units

Desired outputs

- Quality homes
- Code 3 - Sustainable homes
- Delivered on time and on budget

Desired outcomes

- 30 homes for affordable rent or shared ownership
- Homes for local people

Challis Green, Barrington

Mixed tenure affordable rural scheme for 39 units.

Desired outputs

- Quality homes
- Code 3 - Sustainable homes
- Delivered on time and on budget

Desired outcomes

- 39 homes for affordable rent or shared ownership
- Homes for local people

Cambourne Extra 950

380 affordable units: 266 social rented and 114 intermediate (570 private units)
Increase in community facilities (including health, library and community centre) to serve the 950 planning application.

Desired outputs

- 380 units of affordable housing including, Code Level 4.
- Increase the size of the current community building provisions

Desired outcomes

- Meeting identified housing need and increased housing choice, mixed communities.
- A focal point for balanced communities and social cohesion.

Two new Gypsy/Traveller sites at new major development

Gypsy/Traveller sites each providing 10 affordable pitches

Desired outputs

- 20 quality Gypsy/Traveller pitches for rent

Desired outcomes

- Addressing the urgent accommodation need for local Gypsy and Traveller people

Site Refurbishment and additional pitches, New Farm, Whaddon

Upgrading of current LA owned site and addition of two new pitches to provide additional provision

Desired outputs

- Upgrade existing pitches to decent standard

Desired outcomes

- Addressing the urgent accommodation need for local Gypsy and Traveller people

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8.6 County-wide infrastructure

In order to meet the needs created by new growth and ensure that communities offer a high quality of life, key infrastructure and services will need to be provided by Cambridgeshire County Council as set out below:

- Education infrastructure, including Early Years and youth facilities in addition to schools;
- Cultural facilities, including libraries, sports provision and arts space;
- Waste management infrastructure;
- Transport infrastructure to encourage a cultural shift away from car use, including cycle networks and bus routes.

New developments will be expected to make financial contributions to support these investments. Where a gap in funding exists, alternative funding sources, such as HCA support, will be required.

Further Reading

Cambridgeshire Arts and Culture Strategy

http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/publications/horizons/arts_and_culture_strategy.pdf

Major Sports Facilities Strategy

http://www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/documents/publications/horizons/major_sports_facilities_strategy.pdf

Cambridgeshire Libraries, Archives and Information Service; Service level policy

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/17C5E4DB-49BB-4C24-84B2-D3202B114C86/0/service_levels_specification_summary.pdf

Cambridgeshire County Councils Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/recycling/about/policies/Recycling+Centre+Strategy.htm>

Two specific infrastructure projects have been identified by Cambridgeshire County Council. These are summarised below:

General

	Value	Percentage
Total number of schemes detailed	2	
Total funding identified ¹⁵	£142,000,000	
Total funding required	£49,000,000	
Number and % of Priority 1 schemes	2	100%
Number and % of Priority 2 schemes		
Number and % of Priority 3 schemes		
Number and % of Priority 4 schemes		
Number and % of Priority 5 schemes		

¹⁵ Please note, schemes costs and SHG requirements may not be known at this stage

Summary of schemes

Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, St Ives Park and Ride to Trumpington Park and Ride

The Guided Busway will provide a reliable, fast and frequent public transport alternative along the A14 corridor to St Ives and Huntingdon and from Cambridge railway station to Addenbrooke's Hospital and Trumpington Park & Ride.

Buses will travel on a dedicated guideway for much of their journeys, with on-road bus priority measures in the remainder.

The need for the scheme was initially identified through the 2001 CHUMMS (Cambridge to Huntingdon Multi-modal Study).

Lack of transport investment would have wider negative economic and environmental impacts. According to the TEES study, if additional transport upgrades do not come forward then the cost of congestion in the East of England will rise to £2.2billion per annum by 2021). Cambridgeshire, already suffering serious congestion and anticipating unprecedented growth, would be particularly hard hit.

Desired outputs

- Environmental benefits
- Socio-economic benefits
- Transportation benefits

Desired outcomes

- Decreased CO₂ Emissions (Buses will run on biofuel, anticipated use of CGB will reduce car use)
- Enables significant housing growth.
- The CGB will alleviate congestion in the centre of Cambridge and improve access to market towns.
- Faster, more frequent, more reliable and more sustainable than existing bus services.
- Cost of congestion in East of England will rise to £2.2b per annum by 2021 without additional transport upgrades.
- Extends the choice of transport modes for all, in particular for private car drivers to encourage a shift to public transport.
- Improves access to public transport in areas that currently have poor provision
- Promotes social inclusion by improving access to employment, retail, community, leisure and educational facilities

Chesterton Interchange

A three platform station serving the north of Cambridge, the Cambridge Science Park, neighbouring business parks and linking to the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, with associated car and cycle parking, and segregated bus, pedestrian and cycle access.

The Cambridge area has been identified as an engine of growth with significant potential for accelerated economic development and GDP growth. Much of the areas economy is knowledge based in the north Cambridge area.

The scheme would improve sustainable access to the Cambridge Science Park, the Cambridge Business Park and the Cambridge Regional College. The station will be linked to these centres via the Guided Busway, and within short cycling and walking distances. The project will become the station for the Cambridge Science Park.

Desired outputs

- Forecast 2,600 trips per day from Chesterton to other rail destinations.
- Improved air quality in city centre due to reduction in traffic.

Desired outcomes

- Improved access to employment and education in the north of Cambridge by sustainable modes
- Reduced vehicular trips to employment locations in the north of Cambridge.
- Reduced traffic through the city centre to access the rail network.
- Additional capacity for trip making on the Cambridge - Ely corridor.

Draft for consultation

9 Conclusion

Cambridgeshire welcomes the opportunity to work with the Homes and Communities Agency to achieve our aims and invest in the future of the county.

The Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan sets out our vision for the future of the county, and the investment in housing and infrastructure required to achieve that vision. In the coming years, Cambridgeshire will experience considerable housing growth, will grow economically, and will move towards a low carbon future. Despite the reduction in public sector funding, Cambridgeshire remains committed to an ambitious but realistic growth agenda. There is a clearly demonstrated need for more housing of all tenures, the local economy is resilient, and there is a strong appetite for low carbon development.

Next Steps

The goal of the Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan is to share with the HCA key funding priorities across the Cambridgeshire local authorities. Once agreed by all the local authorities, the CLIP will form the context for specific investment agreements. The document remains live and evolving, and will be reviewed approximately every six months to take account of changing circumstances. The review process will reflect the way the plan was produced, fully involving stakeholders including the Growth Partnership Board, Sub-regional Housing Board, and Housing Enablers.

The outcome of the October 20th Spending Review will provide more information regarding future budgets; this will allow more effective targeting and prioritisation within the CLIP. Future versions of the plan will reflect this, as well as institutional changes. The role of the HCA is also expected to evolve in coming years, to become a smaller strategic enabling agency that facilitates delivery.

It is also expected that the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership will have a role in future funding discussions. Governance arrangements for the CLIP may therefore change in order to involve the LEP.

10 Background documents

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
Sub-regional and Countywide				
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	2008	Annual	CRHB	Assesses the housing market and housing demand and housing need across the sub-region
Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy	2009	2012	Greater Cambridge Partnership	Sets out the key economic development priorities for greater Cambridge
Cambridgeshire Together's Local Area Agreement	2008	2011	Cambridgeshire Together	Sets out long term vision for the well being of local people, the economy and the environment in Cambridgeshire
Cambridge Sub-regional Housing Strategy	2008	2011	CRHB	Addresses the key housing issues facing the Cambridgeshire sub-region
Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth	2008	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Describes our aspirations for quality growth for the sub-region, focussing on Community, Connectivity, Climate and Character
Cambridgeshire's Long Term Delivery Plan	2007	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	The LTDP has four principle areas of focus: looking at infrastructure requirements up to 2021; strengthening the approach to funding infrastructure; considering potential longer term requirements to 2031; and considering a broader implementation framework.
Low Carbon Appraisal of the Long Term Delivery Plan	2008	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Appraisal of the above to help quantify investment needed to meet growth and economic targets in a low carbon age
Integrated Development Programme	2009	2011	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Identifies and costs strategic infrastructure projects across the county to help meet growth and economic targets
Green Infrastructure Strategy	2008	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Provides a strategy for the provision of large-scale green infrastructure across the Cambridge Sub-region
Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan	2006	2011	Cambridgeshire County Council	Sets out how we plan to spend Government capital funding allocated to us for transport, and how this will enable us to meet local and national targets

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
Growing Cambridgeshire - our Programme of Development	2009	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Sets out shared goals to deliver housing targets whilst ensuring new development meets the highest quality standards and minimises carbon impacts, supporting our county-wide bid for Housing Growth Funding
Arts and Culture Strategy	2006	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Sets out the challenges for the sub-region and proposes viable future steps to ensure that culture and the arts make valuable contributions to all of its communities
Green Infrastructure Strategy	2006	2010	Cambridgeshire Horizons	The Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County is a 20-year masterplan to enhance the natural environment for both residents and wildlife. It is currently under review (2010).
Balanced and Mixed Communities	2006	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	Balanced and Mixed Communities: A Good Practice Guide sets out guidelines for achieving a wide mix of housing and tenure types that will enable people to set down roots, mature and grow old within the same community as their circumstances change.
Major Sports Facilities Strategy	2006	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	To create a network of high quality community and specialist sports facilities within the Cambridge Sub-region that will enhance the quality of life of existing and new communities
Facilities for Faith Communities in new Developments	2008	-	Cambridgeshire Horizons	"Facilities for Faith Communities in new Developments in the Cambridge Sub-Region" offers guidance on how faith groups can be helped to obtain premises and settle in the new communities and contribute to social and community cohesion.
Cambridge City				
Local Plan	2006	-	Cambridge	Sets out policies for development
Local Infrastructure Study	Due 2011/12	-	Cambridge / SCDC	Study being carried out jointly with SCDC to set out what physical, social and green infrastructure is needed to enable the amount of development proposed for an area
Local Economic Assessment	Not yet known	-	-	To create a common understanding of the economic, social and environmental issues affecting economic growth.
Affordable Housing SPD	2008	-	Cambridge	Outlines the objectives to delivering affordable housing in Cambridge

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
Cambridge East Area Action Plan	2008	-	Cambridge / SCDC	Identifies the site for a sustainable new urban quarter of approximately 10,000 to 12,000 dwellings and associated development as well as the off-site infrastructure across Cambridge and SCDC
North West Cambridge Area Action Plan	2009	-	Cambridge	Plan to develop predominantly for the University of Cambridge, including key worker housing for university staff, student housing, new faculty buildings and research facilities, together with a significant amount of private housing and associated community facilities.
Housing Strategy 2009 - 2012	2009	2012	Cambridge	Identifies progress made against the Council's previous Housing Strategy; Provides a picture of housing within the City and identifies areas for action working in partnership with residents and other agencies; Highlights our medium-term priorities for action and investment; and Sets out our plans to address these priorities and how they will be resourced.
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Due early 2011	-	Cambridge	Identifies potential sites in order to meet housing targets to 2021 and beyond which will be allocated through the Local Development Framework process.
Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 - 2011	2008	2011	Cambridge's LSP	A strategy to improve the quality of life for everyone in Cambridge now and in the future.
East Cambridgeshire				
Local Development Framework - Core Strategy	2009	-	ECDC	Sets out policies for development
Local Infrastructure Framework	Draft due 2010	-	ECDC	To deliver the ECDC Local Development Framework, and to support collection of development contributions via Section 106, CIL or tariff
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Site Allocations	Draft due Dec 2010	-	ECDC	Identifies potential sites in order to meet housing targets to 2021 and beyond which will be allocated through the Local Development Framework process.
Local Economic Audit	2010	-	ECDC	Provides a review of local economic conditions and trends within the district and an indication of the issues and opportunities faced by the district

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
Housing Strategy 2008 - 2010	2008	2010	ECDC	Recognises the importance of good quality housing that is affordable to its occupants along with the role that housing plays in the wider community and the contribution it makes to people's quality of life. It is closely linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy, which aims to address the wider issues that residents of East Cambridgeshire associate with their 'home'.
Housing Strategy (BME / Gypsies and Travellers / Migrant Workers)	2007	-	ECDC	Provides an overview of the housing circumstances of BME groups, migrant workers, gypsies and travellers in the district
Housing Strategy (Older People)	2009	-	ECDC	Cover actions from the review of sheltered housing, disabled facilities grants and home improvements, aids and adaptations for people with disabilities and other priorities relating to the ageing population of the district
Ely Masterplan	2010	-	ECDC	Provides details of actions to deliver the Core Strategy and the long term vision for Ely
Soham Masterplan Vision	2010	-	ECDC	Sets proposals for growth of Soham in terms of new housing, employment and facilities
East Cambridgeshire's Community Strategy	2004	-	East Cambridgeshire's LSP	To bring together plans from local agencies into an overarching plan to increase the environmental, social and economic well-being of the district
Fenland				
Local Development Framework - Core Strategy (Preferred Options 2)	September 2007	-	FDC	Sets out the emerging planning policies for development. Currently being reviewed in conjunction with the Shaping Fenland project. Shaping Fenland will help determine the broad locations for growth, the Settlement Hierarchy and key items of infrastructure to inform the LDF.
Local Infrastructure Framework	Due Nov 2010	-	FDC	Study will establish what infrastructure is required in the area as part of the Shaping Fenland project
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment-	2008	-	FDC	Identifies land that is likely to become available for housing development up to 2024. An update is currently being completed to

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
Site Allocations				support the revised Core Strategy.
Local Economic Assessment	2010 (DRAFT)	-	FDC	Draft document produced as Government have now deleted the requirement
Housing Strategy 2009 - 2012	2009	2012	FDC	A strategic approach to deliver a strong housing market meeting the varied needs of the population and economy
Sustainable Community Strategy 2007 - 2010	2007	2010	Fenland's LSP	To achieve the vision: Fenland is a district where there is a high quality of life for all, now and in the future and that Fenland is known as a great place to live, work, learn and visit.'
Huntingdonshire				
Local Development Framework - Core Strategy	2009		HDC	Sets out policies for development
Local Infrastructure Framework	Due Autumn 2010	-	HDC	Ongoing project to identify infrastructure requirements in Hunts, which will update 2008/09 Local Infrastructure Framework to deliver the HDC Local Development Framework, and to support collection of development contributions via Section 106, CIL or tariff.
Local Economic Assessment	Not yet known	-	-	Working with Cambridgeshire County Council to produce a sub-regional document which includes details of local economy
Housing Strategy 2006 - 2011	2006	2011	HDC	A working document with a plan of action to address identified needs in the District. It highlights key changes and developments that will affect the achievement of our strategic objectives
BME Housing Strategy 2006 - 2011	2005	2011	HDC	Aims to examine the housing issues facing BME groups and set an action plan for meeting identified needs. It sets out the demographic profile of the district and then looks at access to and outcomes from the Council's Housing Service.
Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 - 2028	2008	2028	Huntingdonshire's LSP	Shows how HDC will build a better future for Huntingdonshire through six key strategic themes, reflecting on key strategies

Document Name	Produced	Review	Responsible body	Key purpose
South Cambridgeshire				
Local Development Framework -Core Strategy	2007	-	SCDC	Sets out policies for development
Housing Strategy 2007 - 2010	2007	2010	SCDC	The Housing Strategy document brings together all aspects of the Council's comprehensive housing role and is fully integrated with the Council's wider community objectives, and takes full account of national, regional and sub-regional priorities
Local Economic Assessment	Ongoing	-	SCDC	Only carried out on individual schemes as and when required
Cambridge East Area Action Plan	2008	-	SCDC / Cambridge	Identifies the site for a sustainable new urban quarter of approximately 10,000 to 12,000 dwellings and associated development as well as the off-site infrastructure across Cambridge and South Cambs
Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan	2008	-	SCDC	Identifies the site within South Cambs for approximately 600 dwellings and associated development at Trumpington West, in the parish of Haslingfield, as well as the off-site infrastructure needed to deliver and serve the urban extension as a whole
Local Infrastructure Study	2011/12, TBC	-	SCDC / Cambridge	Study being carried out jointly with Cambridge to set out what physical, social and green infrastructure is needed to enable the amount of development proposed for an area
Affordable Housing SPD	2010	-	SCDC	Details the Council's approach to securing affordable housing through the planning process by securing the provision of an appropriate level, mix and size of affordable housing so that new housing in the district addresses the identified housing needs
Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 - 2011	2008	2011	South Cambridgeshire's LSP	Outlines the LSP's long-term vision for the area

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
(SOCIAL WELL-BEING)
2ND NOVEMBER 2010

MONITORING OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS
(PLANNING OBLIGATIONS)
(Report by Head of People, Performance and Partnerships)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with information on the receipt and expenditure of S106 monies. The report also provides an overview of future benefits from developments that have commenced but where trigger points for collection of the monies have yet to be reached, and future potential benefits from developments which have not yet commenced. The latter two sections allow for forward planning and the integration of potential benefits with other service plans.
- 1.2 As requested by the Advisory Group, a copy of this report has been made available to all Members of the Council.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The report has three appendices: Appendix A: Section 106 Account (covering the period 19th June 2010 to 21st September 2010), Appendix B: Future benefits by location (development commenced, but not yet sufficiently advanced to trigger payments) and Appendix C: Future potential benefits by location (development not commenced).

- 2.2 Appendix A comprises 5 tables:

- **Table 1. Allocated schemes**

These are developments where monies have been received and there is a specific scheme identified.

- **Table 2. Maintenance**

These are developments where monies have been received and are ring-fenced for future maintenance of play equipment and open space. Monies will be spent in accordance with approved maintenance schedules.

- **Table 3. Pending allocation**

These are developments where monies have been received for a general purpose but where a specific scheme has yet to be identified.

- **Table 4. Money spent in the last quarter**

This table shows the actual spend or transfer of monies in the last quarter.

- **Table 5. Non-monetary benefits received**

This details non-cash benefits recorded in the last quarter.

3. DEFERRAL OF PAYMENTS

The following action has been taken on applications for deferrals (the Council's preferred option in the current economic climate) reported on 16th June 2010.

3.1. ID256: Negotiations between Huntingdonshire District Council and the developer over restructuring payments are on going. Council representatives are looking to ensure that the S106 requirements are honoured prior to the sale of the last dwelling.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1. The Panel is invited to review and comment on the contents of the monitoring report.

Note: Members of the Panel are invited to submit any detailed requests for further information on schemes prior to the meeting, so that a response can be prepared.

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Appendix A - Section 106 Account

This schedule details S106/Grampian Condition monies that are held in the S106 account until they are needed for maintenance, or transferred to relevant service budgets (or to Town and Parish Councils) when schemes are ready to proceed. Where appropriate, the schedule also includes an expiry date by which time the money must be spent. It divides the account into five sections:

Table 1. Allocated schemes: for which money has been received and is destined to be spent on a specific scheme.

Table 2. Maintenance: money received for future maintenance, usually relating to play equipment or open space. The money will be held in this account until it is drawn down to pay for the maintenance (proportionally over 15 years).

Table 3. Pending allocation: money received for a purpose, but where a specific scheme has yet to be identified.

Table 4. Money spent in the last quarter: money previously held in the account which has been spent or transferred in the last quarter.

Table 5. Non-monetary benefits recorded as received in the last quarter.

Summary

	This quarter	Previous quarter
Allocated schemes (Table 1)	£780,176.94	£809,414.07
Maintenance (Table 2)	£14,533.76	£27,250.99
Pending allocation (Table 3)	£72,893.03	£237,514.87
TOTAL	£867,603.73	£1,074,179.93

Spent since the last quarter (Table 4)	£321,395.80	£53,159.31
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(Note: This schedule was created 21st of September 2010)

Table 1: Allocated schemes

ID	Date Received	Amount	Location	What the money will be spent on	Status	Service responsible	Expiry Date (if any)
103: Eynesbury Manor, Barford Road, Eynesbury, St Neots.	16/06/2005	£208,855.03	Eynesbury	Play equipment contribution - new changing facilities and/or enhancing existing changing facilities at St Neots Community College.	New update: The new facility opens on Saturday 25 th September (this Saturday). The building work has been finished. Responsible officer informed – money transfer due in the near future.	Leisure	10/08/2010
199: Roman Way, Godmanchester, Huntingdon	27/11/2003	£14,483.24	Godmanchester	Off-site Facilities Contribution: St. Judith's Field Skateboard Ramp	Further details awaited from Godmanchester TC for 2nd and 3rd phases of improvements to Judith's Field.	Operations	No expiry clause
132 224: Land at 48 & 50, Newtown Road, Ramsey	07/10/2005	£17,152.56	Ramsey	Provision of open space recreation and leisure facilities off site within the town of Ramsey as the council sees fit	Cambridgeshire County Council continue to try and identify land for skate park, no success at May 2009, no change at 30/11/09, 21/06/10 and 20/09/10	Operations	No expiry clause
238: Land opposite, 15 Church View St Neots	02/02/2010	£28,667.94	St Neots	Off-site Facilities Contribution		Operations	
244: Cromwell Gardens, London Road, Godmanchester, Huntingdon	19/04/2005	£29,423.83	Godmanchester	Skate Park contribution	Further spending details awaited from Godmanchester TC for 2nd/3rd phases of improvements to Judiths Field.	Operations	No expiry clause
256: The Elms, Thicket Road,	06/05/2009	£49,450	Houghton and Wyton	Affordable Housing Contribution		Housing	30/4/2013

Houghton, St Ives							
266: Former Model Laundry Site, Ouse Walk, Huntingdon	03/04/2008	£28,970.76	Huntingdon	Public Open Space contribution: Riverside Park	Scheme still under development.	Operations	02/04/2018
269: 2 and 2A, Sapley Road, Hartford, Huntingdon	13/07/2009	£22,104.67	Huntingdon	Open Space contribution: improvements to Birds Estate	Operations have prepared a play equipment scheme for the Birds Estate - works to be undertaken in Oct/Nov 2010.	Operations	
280: HMP Littlehey, Perry, Huntingdon	16/03/2009	£251,012.50	Perry	Cycle path		HDC Transport	15/03/2013
133 281: Great North Road, Little Paxton, St Neots	31/03/2009	£60,243	Little Paxton	Environmental conservation contribution: Paxton Pits	Money ring fenced for staffing at Paxton Pits Nature reserve.	Countryside Services	
NEW 281: Great North Road, Little Paxton, St Neots	31/03/2009	£60,000	Little Paxton	Environmental conservation contribution: Paxton Pits	Money ring fenced for staffing at Paxton Pits Nature reserve.	Countryside Services	
236: Crosshall Manor, 516 Great North Road, Eaton Ford, St Neots	16/01/2009	£9,813.41	St Neots	Off site facilities	Operations	No expiry clause	
Total		£780,176.94					

Last quarter		£809,414.07					

Table 2: Maintenance

ID	Date Received	Amount £	Location	What the money has to be spent on	Service responsible
268: Allotments, Constable Leys, Kimbolton, Huntingdon	13/07/2009	£12,830.32	Kimbolton & Stonely	Open Space Maintenance	Operations
289: Fisher Way, Godmanchester	03/03/2010	£1,703.44	Godmanchester	Land maintenance contribution	Operations
Total		£14,533.76			
Last quarter		£27,250.99			

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Table 3: Pending allocation

ID	Date Received	Amount £	Location	What the money can be spent on	Service responsible	Expiry Date (if any)
215: 1-3 Hartford Road, Broadway, Huntingdon	23/10/2006	£11,966.74	Huntingdon/Godmanchester	Off-site Facilities Contribution: for the provision of public open space, recreation and leisure facilities.	Further details awaited from Godmanchester TC for 2nd and 3rd phases of improvements to Judith's Field. (1 st phase agreed)	22/10/2013
229: Land at Bushmead Junior School, Bushmead Road,	28/01/08	£9,268.11	St Neots	Leisure and Recreation facilities compensation sum	St Neots Town council to submit spending plan	28/01/2013

Eaton Socon, St Neots					for refurbishing play area at Dukes Road.	
229: Land at Bushmead Junior School, Bushmead Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots	28/01/08	£12,172	St Neots	Leisure and Recreation facilities	St Neots Town council to submit spending plan for refurbishing play area at Dukes Road.	28/01/2013
256: The Elms, Thicket Road, Houghton, St Ives	06/05/2009	£2,828.13	Houghton and Wyton	(Part of) Affordable Housing Commuted Sum (second installment of three)	Housing	No expiry clause
276: 96 Needingworth Road, St Ives	20/01/2009	£15,028.05	St Ives	Provision of children's casual and equipped play space. Spending plan outstanding at Nov 2009. Update: Operations drawing up spending plans.	Operations	No expiry clause
278: 13 and 5 Old Station Road, Ramsey	10/05/2010	£21,630	Ramsey	Off-site Facilities Contribution Update: Ramsey Town Council considering spending proposals.	Operations	
Total		£72,893.03				
Last quarter		£237,514.87				

Table 4. Money spent or transferred in the last quarter

ID	Date received	Amount £	Location	Spend type	Division
66: Former Courtaulds Factory Site, St. Marys Street, Eynesbury, St Neots	28/08/2002	20,735.33	Play Area Duck Lane; Henbrook Park	Off site facility location.	St Neots Town Council

103: Eynesbury Manor, Barford Road, Eynesbury, St Neots.	16/06/2010	£22,951.05		On site facility Contribution	Operations Division
69: Broad Leas, St Ives	07/09/2005	£22,288.26	To be used for Hill Rise upgrade	Recreational facilities contribution.	Operations
181: Collingwood Farm, Woodside Way, St Ives	15/06/2006	£3,951.61	St Ives	Maintenance of public open spaces	Operations
247: Land Opposite, Cannon House Royal Oak Passage, Huntingdon	30/01/2007	£1,392.97	Huntingdon	Casual and equipment play space contribution Hinchingsbrooke Park	Leisure
257: T W Lumley Ltd, Station Approach, Somersham, Huntingdon	31/01/2007	£11,860.00	Somersham	Scheme for the provision & maintenance of children's casual and equipped play space within Somersham (Skate board ramp replacement)	Operations
216: 1, Priory Road, St Neots	31/01/2007	£10,933.18	St Neots	Offsite Facilities Contribution	Operations
206: 159, Main Street, Yaxley, Peterborough	17/07/2007	£8,469.06	Yaxley	Provision of off-site Recreation Facilities Contribution	Operations
237: Land north of Cambridge Road, St Neots	02/10/2008	£154,808.43	St Neots	Sports Facility Contribution	Leisure

267: Princes Street, Huntingdon	10/12/2008	£54,069.87	Huntingdon	Play Equipment and Open Space Contribution to provide and maintain play space	Operations
268: Allotments, Constable Leys, Kimbolton, Huntingdon	13/07/2009	£2,000.00	Kimbolton and Stonely	Scheme for provision and Maintenance of Open Space and Play Equipment	Operations
277: St Mary's Road, Ramsey	02/02/2010	£7,936.04	Ramsey	LAP maintenance contribution	Operations
	Total	£321,395.80			
	Last quarter	£53,159.31			

Table 5: Non-monetary benefits recorded as received in the last quarter

ID	Address	Address	Address	Description	Amount	Completed
243	Land adj. to	117A Herne Road	Ramsey St. Mary's, Huntingdon		Transfer of affordable housing site.	09-2010
283	Cromwell Square	Brookside	Huntingdon		Transfer of affordable housing	09-2010
238	Land opposite	15 Church View	St Neots		Transfer of affordable housing	09-2010
218	Land at	Parkway	Huntingdon		Play area being installed September 2010 and landscaping works being completed in October	09-2010
244	London Road	Godmanchester	Huntingdon		12 months maintenance commenced 27/07/10 for first	

ID	Address	Address	Address	Description	Amount	Completed
					phase of the POS (inc play areas).	

Appendix B - Future S106 Benefits Listed by Location - developments commenced

This report shows Section 106 clauses with attached monies from developments that have commenced but where trigger points for the collection of the monies have not yet been reached.

Spend Area	ID	Address (Line 2)	Spend Type	Clause Amount	Spending Department
Bluntisham	200	Rectory Road	Education Contribution	£21,000	CCC Education
			Off-site Facilities Contribution	£13,100	Operations
Bury	82	Bury Road	Open Space Maintenance	£8,000	Operations
Eynesbury	66	St. Marys Street	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£15,904	Operations
	103	Barford Road	On-site Facilities Contribution	£10,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£24,000	Operations
Fenstanton	173	Headlands	Open Space Maintenance	£5,679	Operations
Godmanchester	244	London Road	Play Area Maintenance	£25,000	Operations
	261	Wigmore Farm Silver Street	Education contribution 2.part	£128,000	CCC Education
			On-site Facilities Maintenance	£31,125	Operations
			Open Space Contribution	£75,500	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£20,000	Operations
			Primary Health Care Contribution	£39,770	CCC
			Transport Contribution 2.part	£82,000	CCC Transportation
Houghton & Wyton	256	Thicket Road	Recreation Facilities Contribution	£16,000	Operations
Huntingdon	75	Kings Ripton Road	On-site Facilities Maintenance	£19,000	Operations
			Open Space Maintenance	£6,120	Operations
	186	Hinchingbrooke Park Road	On-site Facilities Maintenance	£27,000	Operations
			Open Space Maintenance	£37,000	Operations
	218	Parkway	Highways Contribution	£190,000	CCC Transportation
			Open Space Maintenance	£36,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£9,500	Operations
	220	Ullswater and Handscroft Lane	Off-site Facilities Maintenance	£5,000	Operations
			Play Area Contribution	£36,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£9,500	Operations
	230	Thames Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£59,640	Operations
			Open Space Maintenance	£40,170	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£6,180	Operations
	233	Bus Depot Site 15 Stukeley Rd	Education Contribution	£14,000	CCC Education
			Off-site Facilities Contribution	£29,862	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£6,590	Operations
234	Moorhouse Drive	Education Contribution	£57,600	Education	
247	Cannon House Royal Oak Passage	Play Area Contribution	£13,700	Leisure	
267	Princes Street	On-site Facilities Contribution	£52,000	Operations	

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Appendix B - Future S106 Benefits Listed by Location - developments commenced

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Spend Area	ID	Address (Line 2)	Spend Type	Clause Amount	Spending Department
	282	Temple Close	Education Contribution	£8,400	CCC Education
			Off-site Facilities Contribution	£867	Operations
			On-site Facilities Contribution	£15,450	Operations
	283	Brookside	Education Contribution	£26,040	CCC Education
			Play Area Maintenance	£6,365	Operations
			Play Equipment Contribution	£25,914	Operations
			Recreation Facilities Maintenance	£2,937	Operations
Transport Contribution			£64,500	CCC Transport	
Huntingdonshire	244	London Road	Transport Contribution	£62,000	CCC Transportation
	282	Temple Close	Play Area Maintenance	£6,180	Operations
Little Paxton	223	Mill Lane	Education Contribution	£646,000	CCC Education
			Open Space Maintenance	£36,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£24,500	Operations
			Primary Health Care Contribution	£200,000	Primary Care Trust
			Recreation Facilities Maintenance	£2,000	Operations
Ramsey	243	117A Herne Road	Affordable Housing Contribution	£74,520	Housing
			Education Contribution	£1,750	CCC Education
			Recreation Facilities Contribution	£15,450	Operations
			Transport Contribution	£6,000	CCC Transportation
	277	St Mary's Road	Education Contribution	£40,000	CCC Education
			Miscellaneous	£5,000	TBC
			Play Area Maintenance	£12,000	Operations
Somersham	257	Station Approach	Play Area Contribution	£15,060	Operations
St Ives	181	Woodside Way	Open Space Maintenance	£2,495	Operations
	264	East Street	Education Contribution	£33,400	CCC Education
			Play Equipment Contribution	£22,000	Operations
	276	Needingworth Road	Transport Contribution	£20,000	CCC Transport
St Neots	216	Priory Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£9,700	Operations
	223	Mill Lane	Transport Contribution 1.part	£221,500	CCC Transportation
			Transport Contribution 2.part	£221,500	CCC Transportation
	229	Bushmead Road	Amenity Strip Maintenance	£7,200	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£8,000	Operations
	236	516 Great North Road	Education Contribution	£12,000	CCC Education
			Off-site Facilities Contribution	£6,000	Operations
			Transport Contribution	£6,000	CCC Transportation
237	Cambridge Road	Education Contribution	£2,270,000	CCC Education	

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Spend Area	ID	Address (Line 2)	Spend Type	Clause Amount	Spending Department
			On-site Facilities Contribution	£448,000	
			Play Area Contribution	£261,800	Operations
			Transport Contribution	£3,441,000	CCC Transportation
Warboys	174	Popes Lane	Open Space Maintenance	£1,043	Operations
	210	off High Fen Straight Drove	Environmental conservation contribution	£15,000	Trust Fund
	217	Poplar Farm	Open Space Maintenance	£1,206	Operations
Yaxley	187	Broadway	Open Space Maintenance	£54,000	Operations
	206	Main Street	Recreation Facilities Contribution	£11,100	Operations
	212	Broadway	Highways Contribution	£97,000	CCC Highways
			Open Space Contribution	£22,100	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£29,000	Operations
			Education Contribution	£528,000	CCC Education
	252	Church Street	On-site Facilities Maintenance	£69,300	Operations
			Transport Contribution	£175,000	CCC Transportation
Yaxley Area	286	Broadway	Cycle Paths	£40,500	Transportation
Grand Total				£10,500,717	

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Appendix C - Future Potential S106 Benefits Listed by Location - developments not commenced

This report shows Section 106 clauses with attached monies from developments that have not yet commenced work.

Location	ID	Address	Spend Type	Amount Expected (£)	Service Responsible
	242	Houghton Road		£1	
			On-site Facilities Maintenance	£15,000	
	296	Chapel Street	Cycle Paths	£21,000	CCC
	297	Huntingdon Street		£18,000	CCC
			Open Space Contribution	£14,437.36	Operations
			Play Equipment Contribution	£23,060	Operations
Colne	203	East Street	Transport Contribution	£18,000	
			Education Contribution	£24,000	CCC Education
			Recreation Facilities Contribution	£13,000	Operations
Hemingford Grey	262	London Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£6,500	Operations
			Play Area Contribution	£8,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£16,000	Operations
Holme	291	St Giles Close	Education Contribution	£20,000	CCC Education
Huntingdon	113	32 High Street	Education Contribution	£14,000	CCC Education
	251	Lancaster House	Transport Contribution	£13,750	CCC Transportation
	260	St Peter's Road	Cycle Paths	£98,000	CCC Transportation
	265	Brampton Road	Transport Contribution	£40,000	CCC Transportation
	279	Christie Drive	Play Area Maintenance	£6,000	Operations
	287	California Road	Cycle Paths	£11,200	CCC Transportation
			Miscellaneous	£1,035,400	Policy
			Play Area Maintenance	£24,720	Operations
	290	Kings Ripton Road	Education Contribution	£10,780	CCC Education
		Off-site Facilities Contribution	£21,000	Operations	
Huntingdon Area	290	Kings Ripton Road	Transport Contribution	£11,000	CCC Transport
Little Paxton	222	Bydand Lane & rear of Park Crescent	Education Contribution	£4,450	CCC Education
			Off-site Facilities Contribution	£16,100	Operations
			Primary Health Care Contribution	£14,000	Huntingdonshire PCT
Ramsey	226	Bury Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£13,400	Operations
			Transport Contribution	£7,000	HDC Transportation
			Play Area Contribution	£16,700	Operations
Sawtry	180	Gidding Road	Cycle Paths	£10,000	Transport
	284	Gidding Road	Education Contribution	£634,600	CCC Education
			Transport Contribution	£7,500	Transport
			Transport Contribution 1.part	£50,000	CCC Transport
			Transport Contribution 2.part	£8,250	CCC Transport

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Location	ID	Address	Spend Type	Amount Expected (£)	Service Responsible
St Ives	239	Houghton Grange	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£60,000	Leisure
			Play Area Contribution	£72,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£23,000	Operations
			Primary Health Care Contribution	£18,126	Huntingdonshire PCT
			Transport Contribution	£223,490	
	242	Houghton Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£199,680	Leisure
			Play Area Contribution	£80,000	Operations
			Play Area Maintenance	£25,000	Operations
			Primary Health Care Contribution	£21,952	Huntingdonshire PCT
			Transport Contribution	£350,900	CCC Transportation
	254	Orchard House Houghton Road	Off-site Facilities Contribution	£173,555	Leisure
			Play Area Maintenance	£72,000	Operations
Primary Health Care Contribution			£19,132	Policy and Str. Services	
Transport Contribution			£424,536	CCC Transportation	
St Neots	270	Kings Lane	Education Contribution	£20,040	CCC Education
			On-site Facilities Contribution	£16,317	Operations
			On-site Facilities Maintenance	£6,180	Operations
	297	Huntingdon Street	Education contribution 1.part	£18,750	County
			Education contribution 2.part	£18,750	
Stilton	295	20 Church Street	Education Contribution	£22,500	Education
Yaxley	195	Broadway	Transport Contribution	£20,000	HDC Transportation
	221	west of 3 London Road	Education Contribution	£14,000	CCC Education
Yaxley Area	296	Chapel Street	Open Space Contribution	£8,776	Operations
Grand Total				4,173,532.3	

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS
(SOCIAL WELL-BEING)
(ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING)
(ECONOMIC WELL-BEING)

2ND NOVEMBER 2010
9TH NOVEMBER 2010
11TH NOVEMBER 2010

WORK PLAN STUDIES
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Members of the Panel to review their programme of studies and to be informed of studies being undertaken by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

2. STUDIES

- 2.1 The Council has a duty to improve the social, environmental and economic well-being of the District. This gives the Overview and Scrutiny Panels a wide remit to examine any issues that affect the District by conducting in-depth studies.
- 2.2 Studies are allocated according to the Council's service areas which have been identified as follows:-

Social Well-Being

Housing
Community
Leisure Centres
Operations (part)
Democratic and Central Services (part)
People, Performance and Partnerships (part)

Environmental Well-Being

Environmental and Technical Services
Planning Services
Environmental Health
Operations (part)

Economic Well-Being

Information Management
Finance
Customer Service and Call Centres
Revenues
Democratic and Central Services (part)
Law, Property and Governance
People, Performance and Partnerships (part)
HQ/Accommodation

- 2.3 Details of ongoing studies are set out in the attached Appendix.

2.4 Members are reminded that if they have a specific interest in any study area which is not being considered by their Panel there are opportunities for involvement in all the studies being undertaken.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Panel is requested to note the progress of the studies selected.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Minutes and Reports from previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

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ONGOING STUDIES

STUDY	OBJECTIVES	PANEL	STATUS	TYPE
Car Parking at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	To investigate the causes of public complaints regarding the provision of parking facilities at the Hospital.	Social Well-Being	Six month review of new pricing structure to be conducted with the Hospital in January / February.	Whole Panel Study
Visitor Development & Town Centre Vibrancy	To consider issues relating to Visitor Development & Town Centre Vibrancy.	Economic Well-Being	Further information requested on the cost of the tourism service and the benefits it brings to both the Council and to the District.	Whole Panel Study
Consultation Processes	To review the Council's current consultation processes with a view to determining whether the approach taken to consultation is suitable and consistent across the authority.	Social Well-Being	Panel has begun to scope this study and requested for background information to be circulated. Invitation to be extended to the Policy and Strategic Services Manager to attend a future meeting.	Whole Panel Study
Health Implications of the Night Time Economy	To follow up the previous study undertaken by the former Overview and Scrutiny (Service Support)	Economic Well-Being	Further information requested with regards to the rate of alcohol-specific hospital admissions for under 18s and the availability of any available qualitative data on alcohol consumption in rural areas. Presentation on the Cardiff System to be given to January meeting.	Whole Panel Study

Gypsy & Traveller Welfare	To be determined pending receipt of background information on existing gypsy and traveller sites already established within the District.	Social Well-Being	Report requested for submission to a future meeting. Following consultation with the Chairman, agreed that the report would be deferred until further notice.	To be determined.
Planning Conservation	To consider & evaluate the role of the Council's Planning Conservation Team in the preservation of Huntingdonshire's built heritage with particular reference to conservation areas and listed buildings.	Environmental Well-Being	Working Group meetings held on 29 th July, 5 th August, 2 nd September, 7 th and 22 nd October 2010.	Working Group.
Leisure Centre Financial Performance and Employment Structure	To review the overall financial performance and monitoring arrangements To consider the current Employment Structure.	Economic Well-Being	Requested further information for submission to future meeting.	Whole Panel Study.
Proposals to replace EEDA with EDRPs.	To establish the implications of these proposals.	Economic Well-Being	Report requested for submission to a future meeting,	To be determined.
A14 improvements.	To review the implications to the local economy of the decision not to proceed with the A14 improvements.	Economic Well-Being	Report requested for submission to a future meeting,	To be determined.

POSSIBLE FUTURE STUDIES

The Employees Performance Development Review Process	To review the current process.	Economic Well-Being	Outcome of Officer Review to be reported to the Panel when this is concluded. Work is expected to conclude in February 2011.	To be determined.
Land Use for Agricultural Purpose in the context of planning policies and its contribution to the local economy.	To review the lack of promotion and protection of land for this purpose.	Environmental Well-Being	Not being pursued as a study at the current time.	To be determined.
Rural Transport	To review the lack of transportation in rural areas.	Environmental Well-Being	Not being pursued as a study at the current time.	To be determined.

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<p>13/05/09</p> <p>01/09/09</p>	<p><u>Future Governance of Hinchingbrooke Hospital: Consultation Arrangements</u></p> <p>This item was transferred over from the former Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery). Dr Stephen Dunn, Hinchingbrooke Next Steps Project Co-ordinator and Ms Jessica Bawden, NHS Cambridgeshire attended the Panel's January meeting to provide background to the consultation on the future governance arrangements for Hinchingbrooke Hospital. Advised the Panel that the consultation was likely to commence at some point in the middle of the current calendar year.</p> <p>Panel advised that Councillor S J Criswell had been appointed as the District Council representative on the Stakeholder Panel.</p>	<p>Panel to partake in the consultation when it emerges. Matter to be raised at a future Panel meeting.</p>	<p>Public meeting of the Stakeholder Panel held on 26th November 2009 at 2pm, Huntingdon Library. Future public meetings scheduled as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th February 2010 • 26th May 2010 • 5th July 2010 • 27th October 2010 • 6th January 2011 	<p>TBC</p>

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19/05/10	<p><u>Corporate Plan – Growing Success</u></p> <p>Councillors S J Criswell and R J West appointed to Corporate Plan Working Group. A previous decision has been made by the former Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Corporate and Strategic Framework) to extend the Corporate Plan Working Group's remit by requesting it to investigate the cost implications of each priority area identified within the Corporate Plan. A suggestion has been made to invite Heads of Service to a future meeting to discuss their contributions in achieving the Council's objectives.</p>	<p>Quarterly performance reports to be submitted to all Overview and Scrutiny Panels in September, December, March and June of each year.</p> <p>Meeting of the Corporate Plan Working Group to be held on 29th November 2010.</p>	Next report anticipated December 2010.	7/12/10
13/05/09	<p><u>Provision of Play Facilities for Young People</u></p> <p>This item was transferred over from the former Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) who had identified this subject as a potential area for study. Particular interest expressed on how these facilities are managed and insured and if they were maintained by the District Council. Report submitted to Panel in March 2009 and a Working Group was established, comprising Councillors J D</p>	First meeting of the Working Group held on 30 th April 2009.	Head of Operations and Service Development Manager undertook to investigate further, the likely insurance, resource (inspection) and maintenance costs of facilities located within the smaller Parishes.	

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	<p>Ablewhite and P G Mitchell, to meet with the Executive Councillor for Operational and Countryside Services to investigate the provision of play facilities, with a view to making recommendations on achieving an even distribution of facilities across the District and on meeting the ongoing revenue costs associated with such facilities.</p>			
2/06/09	<p>Owing to their interests in the study, Councillors Mrs P A Jordan and R J West were appointed on to the Working Group. Additionally, the Panel requested for an update on progress since the first meeting of the Working Group to be submitted to the Panel for information.</p>	<p>Request submitted to the Head of Operations.</p>	<p>Meeting of the Working Group held on 13th August 2009.</p>	
6/10/09	<p>Preliminary report outlining the findings of the Working Group to date considered by the Panel. Requested that the Working Group should meet with the Executive Councillor for Operational & Countryside Services to discuss the findings further.</p>	<p>Working Group met with the Executive Councillor for Operational and Countryside Services.</p>		
2/02/10	<p>Further report considered. The Panel has recommended to the Cabinet that an agreement should be offered to Parishes to assist with the revenue costs of their facilities. It has also been recommended that the Council should also explore the co-ordination of a group insurance policy,</p>	<p>Final report to be considered by Cabinet on 22nd April 2010.</p>		

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<p>1/06/10</p> <p>5/10/10</p>	<p>with a view to achieving a lower premium. Councillors P G Mitchell and R J West have been nominated to present the final report to the Cabinet.</p> <p>The Panel considered a progress report on the two recommendations that were endorsed by the Cabinet. The Panel has discussed whether to revisit its previous recommendations regarding the maintenance of outdoor youth facilities. Before proceeding further, Members have requested details of what the Council spends on such facilities, together with details of where the funds have been allocated.</p> <p>Attention was drawn to a Member led review being undertaken by the County Council's Children and Young Peoples Services Committee on integrating children and young peoples services and social infrastructure provision into the County's new communities. This report has been requested for circulation to Panel Members for background purposes.</p>	<p>Request submitted to the Service Development Manager.</p> <p>Approach made to the County Council to forward on a copy of the final report. Response currently awaited.</p>	<p>This item appears elsewhere on the Agenda.</p>	<p>2/11/10</p>
<p>3/11/09</p>	<p><u>Monitoring of Section 106 Agreements</u></p> <p>Panel agreed to include the Monitoring of</p>	<p>Councillor P G Mitchell</p>	<p>The Development Management Panel</p>	

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1/12/09	<p>Section 106 agreements in its work plan, subject to gaining the agreement of the Development Management Panel. It was agreed that only allocated schemes and those developments where funding has been received for future maintenance of the facilities would be considered by the Panel.</p> <p>The Panel has requested that when the quarterly monitoring reports are due for consideration, a representative from the Operations Division should attend the Panel's meeting.</p>	<p>raised the matter at the Development Management Panel's November meeting.</p>	<p>expressed their support for the Social Well-Being Panel to consider these schemes.</p>	
2/02/10	<p>First monitoring report considered. Agreed that greater details on progress of schemes completed earliest should be included in the next monitoring report.</p>	<p>Request submitted to the Policy Officer.</p>		
1/06/10	<p>Requests made for details of the developer involved in each Agreement to be included in future monitoring reports, together with further information on particular schemes which are currently pending allocation.</p>	<p>Request submitted to the Policy Officer and Service Development Manager. A response to the latter was circulated electronically to Members on 21st June 2010.</p>		
6/07/10	<p>Agreed that additional information would be required to assist the Panel in scrutinising allocated schemes and</p>	<p>Meeting held on 7th September 2010, together with the</p>		

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3/11/09	<p>availability of public transport and the impact of parking on the surrounding area.</p> <p>The Panel sought clarification on a number of issues relating to the Hospital's Green Travel Plan.</p>	<p>Letter submitted to Hinchingbrooke Hospital.</p>	<p>Response from the Hospital received and noted.</p>	
1/12/09	<p>Representatives from Cambridgeshire Link were also in attendance at the Panel's November meeting and agreed to assist the Panel with its study. Agreed that Hinchingbrooke NHS Trust would be invited to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman advised Members that the Hospital were conducting their own review of the parking arrangements and requested the Scrutiny and Review Manager to investigate this further.</p>	<p>Invitation to be extended to Hinchingbrooke NHS Trust.</p>		
2/02/10	<p>Mr C Plunkett, Facilities Business Manager attended the Panel meeting, along with representatives of Cambridgeshire LINK. The findings of the review undertaken by the Hospital was submitted to the Hospital's Senior Executive Group at the end of February. Agreed that the Panel's findings should also be forwarded to the Hospital.</p>	<p>The Panel's final report has been circulated electronically to Members and a copy sent to the Hospital.</p>		
1/06/10	<p>Members concurred with a suggestion</p>			

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6/07/10	<p>that the Chairman should approach the Facilities Business Manager requesting an update on the Panel's recommendations.</p> <p>Chairman reported that he had met with the Head of Facilities and Facilities Business Manager to discuss the revised pricing structure and car park concession which had come into effect on 1st July 2010. Panel expressed support for the changes made and noted that they would be involved in the 6 monthly review undertaken by the Hospital.</p>		Report anticipated January / February 2010.	4/01/11 or 1/02/11
6/7/10	<p><u>Consultation Processes</u></p> <p>Panel requested for a scoping report on the Council's current consultation processes to be submitted to a future meeting. Members questioned whether the Council's approach to consultation was consistent across the authority and wished to be informed of what the current process was, what methods were used and how materials were prepared for this purpose.</p>			
7/09/10	Background information on the role of the Policy and Research Team in offering advice and guidance to internal service			

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5/10/10	<p>departments on consultation and research methodologies was received. The Panel has agreed to pursue this as a full Panel investigation.</p> <p>Panel has begun to scope its study. Members have requested Officers to circulate a copy of the Communications and Marketing Strategy for background purposes. Agreed to invite the Policy and Strategic Services Manager to attend a future Panel meeting. Scrutiny and Review Manager to circulate electronically to Members a copy of the study template.</p>	<p>Copy of the Strategy was circulated to Members electronically on 18th October 2010. Invitation to be extended to Policy and Strategic Services Manager in due course.</p>		TBC
6/7/10	<p><u>Gypsy and Traveller Welfare</u></p> <p>Agreed that gypsy and traveller welfare should be included within the Panel's work programme, with a view to looking at the sites already established within the District.</p>	<p>Scoping report requested.</p>		TBC
	<p><u>Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership (HSP)</u></p> <p>The Panel has a legal duty to scrutinise the work of the HSP, with three thematic groups of the HSP falling within its remit.</p>			

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06/04/10	<p>Arrangements for scrutinising the HSP are yet to be formalised between Overview and Scrutiny Members and Partners of the HSP, but in the meantime the Panel has received some background information on the work of the thematic groups as follows:-</p> <p>Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership / Inclusive, Safe and Cohesive Communities</p> <p>Panel received details of the Community Safety Plan 2010-11 and its strategic links to the Inclusive, Safe and Cohesive Communities thematic group of the HSP. Acknowledged that a multi agency approach to the work of the Partnership was adopted and that appropriate monitoring and accountability mechanisms were in place.</p>			
05/10/10	<p>Children and Young People</p> <p>Details of the thematic group's outcomes and objectives have been received together with the latest report of the group, outlining its terms of reference, membership and current matters being discussed. The next report of the group has been requested for circulation, together with an update on progress on</p>	An update on the matters raised was circulated electronically		

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	<p>the action plan for the group which is currently in its development stages. Panel also agreed to extend an invitation to the relevant Executive Member to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>Health and Well-Being</p> <p>Panel is yet to receive background information on the work of this thematic group.</p>	<p>to Panel Members on 18th October 2010. Invitation to be extended to Executive Member in due course.</p>		<p>TBC</p>
<p>6/04/10</p>	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <p>One Leisure, St Ives – Proposals for Development</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p>	<p>Request submitted to the General Manager, Leisure.</p> <p>Request submitted to the Head of Housing Services.</p>	<p>Deferred on the Forward Plan until January 2011.</p> <p>This item appears elsewhere on the Agenda.</p>	<p>4/01/11</p> <p>2/11/10</p>
<p>6/07/10</p>	<p>Home Improvement Agency Review – Future Delivery Model Consultation</p> <p>Open Space Strategy</p>	<p>Request submitted to the Head of Housing Services.</p> <p>Request submitted to the Head of People, Performance and Partnerships.</p>	<p>Report anticipated December 2010.</p> <p>Report anticipated February 2011.</p>	<p>7/12/10</p> <p>1/02/11</p>

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5/10/10	Cambridgeshire Local Investment Plan	Request submitted to the Head of Housing Services.	This item appears elsewhere on the Agenda.	2/11/10