

**ADOPTION OF INTERIM PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT
(Report by Head of Planning Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Cabinet recommends to Council that they adopt the attached Interim Planning Policy Statement.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As Members' will be aware the Council has had to, on the advice of the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate, request that it's Submitted Core Strategy be withdrawn.
- 2.2 Accordingly, having regard to the fact that the adopted Development Plan is somewhat dated, it is considered vital that this Interim Planning Policy Statement be adopted in order to provide for effective continuity of decision making pending the resubmission of the Council's updated Development Plan Documents.

3. THE INTERIM PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 Attached for Members' information is a copy of the proposed Interim Planning Policy Statement. In essence it is intended to clarify that the Council, acting in respect of its role as the Local Planning Authority, will be adopting, and therefore taking into account in respect of its decision making processes, the relevant saved policies from the current Development Plan, already adopted supplementary planning policy guidance and the specifically identified policies from the (withdrawn) Core Strategy. It is considered that the combination of these three inter-related areas of policy guidance will create a suitably robust interim policy position.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Cabinet recommends that Council adopts, for Development Control and other related decision making purposes, the attached Interim Planning Policy Statement

Background Papers:

The Huntingdonshire Local Plan 1995
The Huntingdonshire Local Plan Alteration 2002
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003
The Huntingdonshire Submitted Core Strategy 2006 (withdrawn)

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