

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) –
8th March 2016**

LOCAL PLAN TO 2036 PROGRESS REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economy and Growth) was presented the Local Plan To 2036 Progress Report. Comments were raised in relation to the County Council's Strategic Transport Study and the costs associated with that however Members were informed that the County Council are currently revalidating the Cambridge Sub-Regional Model (CSRM) traffic model and would pay for the work they will carry out.

Concerns were raised in relation to the human resources available to the department to carry out work on the Local Plan however the Panel were informed that there is a plan in place to acquire the resources needed.

Following a question on what is required by the Government by early 2017; Members were advised that the Council is still unsure what is meant by having a written Local Plan by early 2017.

Four potential development scenarios have been produced to be tested using the CSRM however the Panel will not make a preference until they have been tested.

The Panel are content with the overall progress on the Local Plan but were concerned that the CSRM was not correct. Members approved of earmarking funds for the development of the Local Plan.