

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING POLICY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 3 APRIL 2007

### 1 REVISION TO THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Planning Policy and Transportation Committee on 3 April 2007 to Full Council with a recommendation that the Council resolves to agree the revised Local Development Scheme for submission to GO-East, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. A copy of the officer's report is appended. Appendix 1 to the report contains the final updated version of the revised Local Development Scheme.
- 1.2 It was emphasised that the timetable for the production of Local Development Documents could be too optimistic, particularly given the need to work with Southend on Sea Borough Council on a Joint Area Action Plan for West Rochford. It was further noted that extending the timetable by up to 6 months would not impact on funding associated with the Local Development Scheme.
- 1.3 Reference was made of the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Planning Delivery Grant; it was not yet clear how much longer this would be available to Local Authorities. Bids were being made to the East of England Development Agency and to the Department of Communities and Local Government for financial assistance in developing the Joint Area Action Plan.
- 1.4 The importance was stressed of working with Southend on Sea Borough Council to seek to protect the future of the airport and the industries within its environs, while at the same time seeking to minimise the impact of any future airport expansion on residents living in proximity to it.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**
  - (1) That the revised Local Development Scheme for the Rochford District be agreed for submission to GO-East, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
  - (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to carry out minor amendments to the revised Local Development Scheme to ensure consistency and correctness and any such amendments to be reported to the Planning Policy & Transportation Committee or its successor. (HPT)

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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