

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ADVISORY GROUP
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the LDF Advisory Group on the main changes made to the Core Strategy (CS) since discussions with members at previous LDF Advisory Group meetings. This will include an outline of the process from the first stages of preparing the CS to show how and when choices for the CS were made, and how the policies have evolved to those now drafted in the Submission CS. The officer responses to changes discussed and followed up after the last LDF Advisory Group meeting will also be addressed.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the last LDF Advisory Group meeting held on 19 August, several issues with the CS were discussed including but not limited to:
- Further review of the vision for Milton Keynes
 - Adding “hooks” into the document for further policy decisions in the future
 - To what extent can choices be made within the document and the balance between detail and flexibility within the document
 - Specific word additions/changes and scrutiny of specific policy references within the document
- 2.2 The Group decided to scrutinise the document thoroughly outside of the meeting and submit suggestions to the officers before this LDF Advisory Group meeting. The comments submitted will be addressed in a paper to be attached to this agenda. This will help to clarify which policies are strategic and those matters which are more detailed and therefore should be considered in the preparation of subsequent Development or Supplementary Plan Documents. The Vision could lead to a more focussed marketing document which could be produced after the Inspector’s report on the Submission CS.
- 2.3 This report therefore explains the process to date to show how many of the choices that were available for the CS, were made much earlier in the preparation of the document. It also sets out how the policies in the Submission CS have been derived with the reasons behind them. It should be noted that these policies will be scrutinised by our Legal Officers to ensure

they are worded correctly to provide a strong basis for future strategic decisions and more detailed policies in subsequent Development Plan Documents.

3. Previous stages in the preparation of the Core Strategy

- 3.1 As explained at previous and the most recent of the LDF Advisory Group meetings there is a requirement to report the consultation arrangements undertaken in producing the CS when it is submitted to the Secretary of State. (In addition each stage is subject to a Sustainability Appraisal to assess the impacts of the changes to the document). To explain how we have arrived at the Submission CS, extracts from the draft consultation statement are set out below and the key choices made at each stage are available from the accompanying documents.
- 3.2 A key part of the evidence base for the CS is the work undertaken on the preparation of the Milton Keynes Growth Strategy which involved extensive consultation and engagement with community stakeholders and local interests from the summer of 2005. See more information on the web link:
http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/DocLibrary/MK2031_Community_Engagement_Stage_1_Feedback_Report.pdf
- 3.3 From November 2005 to January 2006, consultation took place over six options for growth as explained in the document accessed by this link:
http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/DocLibrary/MK2031_Options_for_growth_annex3.pdf
- 3.4 In June 2006 the council carried out over 13 weeks of further consultation on the draft growth strategy. The responses received were reported to Cabinet on 16 January 2007.
- 3.5 In addition a delegated decision was made on 10 November 2006 to publish a discussion paper for the issues and Options stage of the CS.
- 3.6 On 29 January 2007 the LDF Advisory Group considered a report on the Issues and Options stage and the response to the consultation was reported to the Group on 20 June 2007 at the same time as the Preferred Options version of the CS was agreed for consultation.
- 3.7 Consultation on the Preferred Options ran from September to November 2007. Over 3,500 responses were received and these were made public on the Limehouse consultation web site. The council's response to those representations is also available on line:
http://miltonkeynes-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/dev_plans/core_strategy/cspo_sept07/cs_po_sep07?pointId=project_8

- 3.8 These responses were reported to Cabinet on 15 July 2008 and that report includes an annex to explain how the consultation will lead to changes in the CS.
- 3.9 This sets out the significant scale of consultation which has led to the version of the CS now being finalised. It is summarised in the following table. The derivation of the policies has to take the consultation into account, but they must also accord with legislation and higher order strategies and policies. This is explained more fully in the following pages.

3.10 Stages the CS has been through

MK Growth 2031	June – August 2005
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MK 2031 6 options for growth	Nov 2005- Jan 2006
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MKC consultation On growth	June – Sept 2006
▼	▼
CS Issues and Options	Dec 2006 – Mar 2007
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CS Preferred Options	Sept –Nov 2007

- 3.11 The table below sets out how the current version of each CS policy was reached and what were the main national, regional and local influences on the content of each policy. Each policy has been refined from initial options set out through MK2031 (2006) and the CS Issues and Options Document (2007). These were influenced by national and regional requirements and informed through specific studies and wide stages of consultation in 2007 as well as the earlier MK2031 consultation process.

Influences on the Content of Core Strategy Policies

National Policy: National Planning Policy is set out in Planning Policy Statements (PPS) and the older Planning Policy Guidance (PPG). They are required to be taken into account when producing Local Development Documents (LDDs) and are the top level of the planning policy hierarchy. The requirements for producing a CS are set out in PPS12: Local Spatial Planning. PPS1: Delivering Sustainable Development sets out the Government’s overarching approach to achieving sustainable development. Both documents are relevant to all CS policies, therefore they are not listed in each cell.

South East Plan: This identifies the amount of housing that each district within the region must deliver over the plan period to 2026. The South East Plan went through various drafts and was finalised in May 2009. It also contains policies on a variety of topics covering sustainable development that build on national policy and have to filter into policies contained within LDDs, such as the CS. Cross cutting policy CC1 identifies states that the sustainable development across the region is the principle objective of the plan.

Evidence Base: This comprises various documents produced over the last 4 years which identified various policy and growth options with final recommendations. The key documents here are the MK2031 Growth Study carried out in 2005 and 2006 which, through extensive consultation and sustainability appraisal, identified locations for growth, including the SDAs that are included in the CS. Another Key Document is the CS Sustainability Appraisal which identified policy options, which were consulted upon in the Issues and Options Document and then the most sustainable options selected as preferred options policy directions. Other studies were topic specific, such as the employment land study and the retail capacity and leisure study.

Preferred Option Policy Directions: These directions were selected through the MK2031 process, consultation on the Issues and Options, evidence base and the CS Sustainability Appraisal. The Preferred Options Document sets out the options that were identified and presents reasoning why the preferred options were chosen. Although the structure of the document and policies has changed, these preferred options are broadly carried through to the submission policy and have only changed through consultation, alterations to the SEP and additional detail from evidence base documents.

Core Strategy Policy	National Policy	South East Plan (SEP)	Evidence Base	Preferred Option Policy Direction (2007)
CS1 Milton Keynes Development Strategy	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas PPS12: Local Spatial Planning PPG13: Transport	SP1: Sub-Regions in the South East SP2: Regional Hubs SP3: Urban Focus and Urban Renaissance H1: Regional Housing Provision MKAV1: Housing Distribution by	MK2031: Growth Strategy MK2031: Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009)	Growth for the City Strategy for the Rural Area

	PPS25: Development and Flood Risk	District MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area		
CS1 Housing Land Supply	PPS3: Housing PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas	SP2: Regional Hubs H1: Regional Housing Provision H2: Managing the Delivery of the Regional Housing Provision MKAV1: Housing Distribution by District MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area	MK2031: Growth Strategy MK2031: Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) MK Rural Area Spatial Options Paper (date) Strategic Development Area Study (2008)	Growth for the City Strategy for the Rural Area
CS2 Employment Land Supply	PPG4: Industrial and Commercial Development and Small Firms PPS6: Town Centres	SP2: Regional Hubs RE1: Contributing to the UK's Long Term Competitiveness RE2: Supporting National and Regionally Important Sectors and Clusters RE3: Employment Land Provision RE6: Competitiveness and Addressing Structural Economic Weakness MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area	Milton Keynes Employment Land Study (2007) CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Economic Vision 2004-34	ESRR1: Create a Knowledge Based Economy MI7: Managing Movement Patterns
CS3 Summary – The MK 2031 Growth Strategy identified the South East and South West SDAs as potential growth areas while continuing the existing planned growth set out in the Local Plan. They were then confirmed in the initial draft of the South East Plan (SEP) and now the May 2009 finalised version. Growth for the City in the Preferred Options continued the Local Plan strategy while adding the SDAs from the SEP. In CS1, the rural area strategy is a continuation of the Local Plan strategy of key settlements and selected villages, with the addition of Sherington as a selected village. This was requested by the local parish council.	CS2 Summary – The housing numbers here are primarily made up of sites contained in the adopted local plan. MK2031 suggested potential numbers for the SDAs which were included in the Preferred Options and then refined through the 2008 SDA Study. The 41,360 dwellings is made up of the South East SDA, urban and rural locations and is set out in policy MKAV1 of the finalised SEP as the district requirement for Milton Keynes.	CS3 Summary – The SEP requires employment land to be identified to allow 1 job per new dwelling in Milton Keynes. Members, consultation and the Employment Land Study identified 1.5 jobs per new dwelling as a more appropriate requirement for Milton Keynes given local circumstances, past trends and the capacity of employment land already allocated in previous local plans. ESRR1 stated that large office developments should be located in CMK which has been carried through to the draft submission policy.		

CS4 Retail and Leisure Development	Draft PPS4: Sustainable Economic Development PPS6: Town Centres PPG13: Transport	SP2: Regional Hubs TC1: Strategic Network of Town Centres TC2: New Development and Redevelopment in Town Centres	MK2031: Growth Strategy MK2031: Sustainability Appraisal MK Retail Capacity and Leisure Study (2009) CS Sustainability Appraisal	ESRR4: Enhance Milton Keynes as Major Office, Retail and Cultural Location MI7: Managing Movement Patterns
CS4 Summary – PPS6 states that town centres should be the main focus for retail and leisure development. Preferred Option ESRR4 supported CMK as developing as the main retail and cultural focus in the city which was subsequently supported in the retail capacity study. This had previously emerged as the most sustainable option from those included in the CS Sustainability Appraisal. All drafts of the SEP identified CMK as the key centre for Milton Keynes that should be focus for the majority of retail and cultural activity.				
CS5 South East Strategic Development Area	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPS6: Town Centres PPG13: Transport PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation PPS25: Development and Flood Risk	SP1: Sub-Regions in the South East SP2: Regional Hubs CC6: Sustainable Communities and Character of the Environment CC8: Green Infrastructure NRM1: Sustainable Water Resources and Groundwater Quality NRM4: Sustainable Flood Risk Management BE1: Management for an Urban Renaissance TSR3: Regionally Significant Sports Facilities MKAV1: Housing Distribution by District MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area MKAV4: Effective Delivery	MK2031: Growth Strategy MK2031: Sustainability Appraisal CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) Strategic Development Area Study (2008)	Growth for the City NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities NC2: Ensure Balanced Growth of the City NC3 and SEC2: Increase Housing Delivery for Market Homes, Affordable Housing and Housing for Minority and Ethnic Groups SEC6: Balance the Growth of the City with the Delivery of Key Infrastructure MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts through Renewable Energy Provision MI5: Managing Demand for Water MI7: Managing Movement Patterns MOA2: Maintain and Enhance Green Infrastructure and Open Space ESSR1: Create a Knowledge

				<p>Based Economy ESRR4: Enhance Milton Keynes as Major Office, Retail and Cultural Location ESRR5: Create New Sporting Facilities of National Significance</p>
<p>C55 Summary – The SDA was identified as a future growth area in MK2031 process which was used to inform the draft SEP. It was included in the Preferred Option growth for the city. It is identified as an SDA in the final SEP. The 2008 SDA study identified the capacity of the SDA and subsequent requirements. The draft submission policy contains specific detail drawn from many of the preferred policy directions to allow it to develop as a sustainable community.</p>	<p>PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPG13: Transport PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation</p>	<p>SP1: Sub-Regions in the South East SP2: Regional Hubs T2: Mobility Management BE1: Management for an Urban Renaissance TSR3: Regionally Significant Sports Facilities MKAV1: Housing Distribution by District MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area MKAV4: Effective Delivery</p>	<p>MK2031: Growth Strategy MK2031: Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) Strategic Development Area Study (2008)</p>	<p>Growth for the City MOA2: Maintain and Enhance Green Infrastructure and Open Space MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI4: Managing Our Impact on Local Water Resources MI5: Managing Demand for Water MI7: Managing Movement Patterns NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities ESRR5: Create New Sporting Facilities of National Significance</p>
<p>C56 Summary – As with the South East SDA, the South West SDA was identified as a strategic growth location in the MK2031 process. Again it is confirmed in the final SEP, and was included in the Preferred Option policy direction as a growth location for the city. As the SDA is located outside the Borough boundaries CS6 focuses on cross-boundary issues - e.g. impact on / integration with adjoining areas of the city and strategic infrastructure requirements.</p>	<p>PPS3: Housing PPS6: Town Centres PPG13: Transport</p>	<p>SP2: Regional Hubs TC1: Strategic Network of Town Centres TC2: New Development and Redevelopment in Town Centres</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) CMK: The Vision for the City Core (2008) Milton Keynes Employment Land Study (2007)</p>	<p>ESRR4: Enhance Milton Keynes as Major Office, Retail and Cultural Location MI7: Managing Movement Patterns</p>
<p>C57 Central Milton Keynes</p>				

CS7 Summary – PPS6 identifies town centres as they key locations for office, retail and cultural activities. Options for this policy included a change of focus away from CMK but this was discounted through consultation, sustainability appraisal and evidence base. The policy is broadly continued through from Local Plan policies with additional detail from the revised city core vision and employment land studies.					
CS8 Other Areas of Change	PPS3: Housing PPS6: Town Centres	SP2: Regional Hubs SP4: Regeneration and Social Exclusion H6: Making Better Use of the Existing Stock BE3: Suburban Renewal MKAV1: Housing Distribution by District MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area	CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy (2008)	Growth for the City SEC3: Enhance Existing Areas where there are Regeneration Opportunities Supported by Local People SEC4: Reduce Health Inequalities and Deprivation in the Worst Ranked Areas SEC5: Ensure Balanced Growth of the City and Existing Areas and Pressures	
CS8 Summary – This is a policy of two distinct parts. The first half is the continuation of allocated housing sites identified in the Local Plan alongside the Bletchley and Wolverton Regeneration Strategies. The second half carried forward the programme from the Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy and the policy directions from the Preferred Options focus on reducing health inequalities and deprivation.					
CS9 Strategy for the Rural Area	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas PPS25: Development and Flood Risk	BE4: The Role of Small Rural Towns BE5: Village Management MKAV1: Housing Distribution by District	CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2009) Rural Area Spatial Strategy: Technical Background Paper (2007)	Strategy for the Rural Areas	
CS9 Summary – PPS7 promotes sustainable patterns of development in rural areas. The options assessed for the rural area strategy looked at how to disperse a limited amount of growth throughout the rural area. The preferred option through consultation and sustainability appraisal was to continue with the Local Plan strategy of focussing most growth in key settlements and a small amount of planned growth in selected villages. This informed the SEP requirement of 2,400 dwellings to be completed between 2006 and 2026.					
CS10 Housing Need	PPS3: Housing Circular 1/2006: Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites	CC5: Supporting an Ageing Population H3: Affordable Housing H4: Type and Size of New Housing MKAV2: Spatial Framework for	CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2008) MK Local Housing Assessment (2006) MK Housing Strategy 2005-08	NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities NC3 & SEC2: Increase Housing Delivery for Market Homes, Affordable Housing and Housing for Minority and Ethnic Groups	

		the Milton Keynes Growth Area		NC4: Create Flexible and Supportive Living Space
CS10 Summary – PPS3 requires that Core Strategies contain an affordable housing policy. Preferred options NC3 and SEC2 did not stipulate percentage target and this will be left to the Development Management DPD. The content of these two policy directions is carried over into CS10. Circular 1/2006 requires that LDFs contain site selection criteria for Gypsies and Travellers sites. The preferred option was that this would be within a future DPD. With regard to HiMOs, NC3 and SEC2 stated that we would plan for HiMOs through a future Development Management DPD policy. Our Local Development Scheme also includes an SPD on HiMOs, which we have started work on.	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPG13: Transport	SP2: Regional Hubs CC2: Climate Change T1: Manage and Invest T2: Mobility Management T7: Rural Transport T8: Regional Spokes T14: Transport Investment and Management Priorities MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area	CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Local Transport Plan 2006/7 to 2010/11 MK Transport Strategy Review (2008) MKP Local Investment Plan MK Bus Strategy MK Cycling Strategy MK Walking Strategy CMK Parking Strategy	NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities MI7: Managing Movement Patterns NC4: Create Flexible and Supportive Living Space
CS11 Summary – This policy pulls together the national and regional policy influences on transportation which have been made MK specific through the various plans and strategies for transport in the city. Key documents are the Local Transport Plan, the Transport Strategy Review and the Local Investment Plan. These documents set out how transport provision across the borough will improve and how it will link with new development. Additional detail not included in the Preferred Options, now added as a response to consultation, is the maintenance and extension of grid roads.				
CS12 Developing Successful Neighbourhoods	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPS6: Town Centres PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas PPG13: Transport PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation PPS25: Development and Flood Risk	CC2: Climate Change CC6: Sustainable Communities and Character of the Environment CC8: Green Infrastructure NRM1: Sustainable Water Resources and Groundwater Quality NRM4: Sustainable Flood Risk Management NRM9: Air Quality BE1: Management for an Urban Renaissance S1: Supporting Healthy	CS Sustainability Appraisal Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2008)	MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI4: Managing Our Impact on Local Water Resources MI7: Managing Movement Patterns MI8: Promoting a Healthy Environment MOA2: Maintain and Enhance Green Infrastructure and Open Space ESRR5: Create New Sporting Facilities of National Significance

		Communities		NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities NC4: Create Flexible and Supportive Living Space NC6: Create Safe Places
CS12 Summary – This policy focuses on how to create new successful, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods and the key characteristics they require. These have been drawn mostly through Preferred Policy Direction NC1 with additional detail from topic specific directions covering issues such as air quality, flooding and access.				
CS13 Ensuring High Quality, Well Designed Places	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment	CC2: Climate Change CC4: Sustainable Design and Construction CC6: Sustainable Communities and Character of the Environment H5: Housing Design and Density BE1: Management for an Urban Renaissance	CS Sustainability Appraisal	MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon Development MI4: Managing Our Impact on Local Water Resources MI7: Managing Movement Patterns MOA1: Protect and Enhance the Character, Diversity and Cultural Significance of the Borough’s Historic Assets MOA4: Protect and enhance the biodiversity and geological resource of the Borough NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities NC2: Ensure Balanced Growth of the City NC4: Create Flexible and Supportive Living Space NC6: Create Safe Places
CS13 Summary – PPS1 places good design as a key driver in sustainable development. There was no specific design policy contained within the Preferred Options but good design was key in the policy directions set out above. CABE advice is that Core Strategies should contain overarching design policies that set out the key principles of quality sustainable design for new developments. These principles will be filtered into site and topic specific SPDs containing detailed guidance, such as the Residential Design Guide, and the Development Management DPD.				
CS14 Sustainable Construction	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS22: Renewable Energy	CC1: Sustainable Development CC2: Climate Change CC3: Resource Use	CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report	MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon

<p>CS14 Summary – The SEP requires that Core Strategies contain policies that require sustainable construction standards and the provision of renewable energy in new developments. This is needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet government targets. The MK approach to achieving this was developed through the Issues and Options and then in above policy directions. These directions were identified as through the MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report.</p>	<p>PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS22: Renewable Energy</p>	<p>CC4: Sustainable Design and Construction NRM11: Development Design for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy NRM16: Renewable Energy Development Criteria</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report (2008)</p>	<p>Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts Through Renewable Energy Provision</p>
<p>CS15 Community Energy Networks and Large Scale Renewable Energy Schemes</p>	<p>CC1: Sustainable Development CC2: Climate Change CC4: Sustainable Design and Construction NRM12: Combined Heat and Power NRM15: Location of Renewable Energy Development NRM16: Renewable Energy Development Criteria</p>	<p>MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts Through Renewable Energy Provision</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report (2008)</p>	<p>Development MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts Through Renewable Energy Provision</p>
<p>CS15 Summary – PPS22 sets out the government’s key objectives for renewable energy schemes and the requirement to cut carbon emissions. Policy direction MI3 set out that large scale renewable energy schemes would be supported where the social, economic and environmental impacts are acceptable. This was identified as the most sustainable approach in the sustainability appraisal. This is continued into the current policy. Detailed siting criteria will be included in the Development Management DPD.</p>	<p>Draft PPS4: Sustainable Economic Development</p>	<p>RE1: Contributing to the UK’s Long Term Competitiveness RE2: Supporting National and Regionally Important Sectors and Clusters RE4: Human Resource Development RE5: Smart Growth S3: Education and Skills S4: Higher and Further Education</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal Milton Keynes Employment Land Study (2007) MK Economic Vision 2004-34</p>	<p>ESRR2: Creating a Learning City and Skilled Workforce Working in Milton Keynes</p>
<p>CS16 Delivering Economic Prosperity</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report (2008)</p>	<p>MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts Through Renewable Energy Provision</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Report (2008)</p>	<p>Development MI: Managing Environmental Impacts through the Location of Development MI2: Managing Environmental Impacts through Efficient Design/Zero Carbon Development MI3: Managing Environmental Impacts Through Renewable Energy Provision</p>
<p>CS16 Summary – The Milton Keynes Economic Vision highlights how MK wishes to attract high value businesses and how this should be achieved. The Community Strategy identifies how we need to raise educational performance in Milton Keynes and the CS policy sets out how MK will improve skills and qualifications. This was set out in</p>				

preferred option ESRR2.			
CS17 Supporting Small Businesses	PPG4: Industrial and Commercial Development and Small Firms Draft PPS4: Sustainable Economic Development		ESRR3: Support Small and Creative Industries
CS17 Summary – The Local Plan contains a policy that protects small business units. The majority of businesses in the borough employ less than 10 people. This policy restates the need for small business units in new development set out in preferred policy direction ESRR3.			
CS18 Improving Access to Local Services and Facilities	PPS6: Town Centres PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas PPG13: Transport PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation	T7: Rural Transport BE4: The Role of Small Rural Towns	SECC1: Increase Access to Services Locally
CS18 Summary – Increasing access to local facilities and services, including those in rural areas, has been carried through from preferred policy direction SEC1 and has since been modified, through consultation, to promote the co-location of services and dual use of buildings. The initial options for this policy were set out in the Issues and Options stage of the CS.			
CS19 Healthier and Safer Communities		SP4: Regeneration and Social Exclusion CC6: Sustainable Communities and Character of the Environment H6: Making Better Use of the Existing Stock BE3: Suburban Renewal S1: Supporting Healthy Communities	NC6: Create Safe Places SEC4: Reduce Health Inequalities and Deprivation in the Worst Ranked Areas
CS19 Summary – This policy is a combination of two Preferred Options policy directions: NC6 and SEC4. NC6 promotes the design of places and buildings to create safer places and reduce the fear of crime. It also promoted working with other departments, the police and organisations to reduce crime in Milton Keynes. SEC4 supported measures contained within the strategies that have now been replaced by the MK Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy, which CS19 supports to reduce deprivation in the Borough.			
CS20 The Natural and Historical Environment	PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS3: Housing PPS7: Sustainable Development in Rural Areas	CC6: Sustainable Communities and Character of the Environment CC8: Green Infrastructure NRM4: Sustainable Flood Risk	MOA1: Protect and Enhance the Character, Diversity and Cultural Significance of the Borough's Historical Assets MOA2: Maintain and Enhance
CS20 Summary – This policy aims to protect and enhance the natural and historical environment of the Borough. It sets out a range of measures to be taken to protect and enhance the natural and historical environment of the Borough. The initial options for this policy were set out in the Issues and Options stage of the CS.			

	<p>PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation</p>	<p>Management NRM5: Conservation and Improvement of Biodiversity C4: Landscape and Countryside Management BE6: Management of the Historic Environment S1: Supporting Healthy Communities</p>	<p>Bucks & MK Biodiversity Action Plan 2000-2010 Parks Trust Strategic Plan for the Green Estate MK Open Space Strategy (2007) Draft Mk Green Infrastructure Plan</p>	<p>Green Infrastructure and Open Space MOA3: Protect and Enhance the Borough's Rural Landscape MOA4: Protect and Enhance the Biodiversity and Geological Resource of the Borough MI4: Managing Our Impact on Local Water Resources ESRR5: Create New Sporting Facilities on National Significance NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities</p>
<p>CS20 Summary – This policy is a synthesis of various Preferred Options supporting landscape protection, expansion and protection of green infrastructure, expansion of open space facilities, protection and enhancement of biodiversity and the preservation of areas of historic and architectural importance. These principles are enshrined in various national policy documents and SEP policies. Evidence base documents identified MK specific solutions to achieving these goals, which were carried into the Preferred Options and now draft submission policy CS20.</p>				
<p>CS21 Minerals</p>	<p>MPS1: Planning and Minerals MPS2: Controlling and Mitigating the Environmental Impacts of Minerals Extraction in England</p>	<p>CC1: Sustainable Development CC3: Resource Use M1: Sustainable Construction M2: Recycled and Secondary Aggregates M3: Primary Aggregates M5: Safeguarding of Mineral Reserves, Wharves and Rail Depots S5: Cultural and Sporting Activity</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal</p>	<p>MI6: Managing Mineral Reserves</p>
<p>CS21 Summary – Minerals Planning Statements (MPS) set out how we will provide the materials for growth in the UK while promoting recycled materials and minimising the impacts on the environment. Preferred Options direction MI6 set out an overview of how we would manage mineral reserves in MK Borough, with the main policies located in a subsequent Minerals Allocations and Sites DPDs. Since then we have been advised by GOSE and the Planning Inspectorate to produce a separate Minerals Core Strategy. Due to this CS21 has changed from MI6 and now sets out what principles will be included in the Minerals Core Strategy and subsequent DPDs.</p>				

<p>CS22 Delivering Infrastructure</p>	<p>PPS1 Supplement: Planning and Climate Change PPS12: Local Spatial Planning PPG13: Transport</p>	<p>SP2: Regional Hubs CC7: Infrastructure and Implementation T1: Manage and Invest T2: Mobility Management S6: Community Infrastructure MKAV2: Spatial Framework for the Milton Keynes Growth Area MKAV4: Effective Delivery</p>	<p>CS Sustainability Appraisal MK Local Transport Plan 2006/7 to 2010/11 MKP Local Investment Plan Milton Keynes Tariff</p>	<p>NC1: Key Criteria for New Communities NC5 & SEC6: Balance Growth of the City with the Delivery of Key Infrastructure SEC5: Ensure Balanced Growth of the City and Existing Areas and Pressures</p>
<p>CS22 Summary – This policy carries forward the existing tariff agreement and suite of planning obligations SPDs as the main source of funding infrastructure required in Milton Keynes up to 2026. PPS12 requires that Core Strategies set out clearly how growth related infrastructure is going to be delivered. The annually updated MKP Local Investment Plan (formerly the MKP Business Plan) will meet the requirement to produce an infrastructure schedule setting out what is required, when and who is responsible for delivery. While there may be additional detail in CS22, it contains the same intentions set out in the Preferred Options policy directions.</p>				

4. Timetable

- 4.1 Subject to the outcome of this meeting of the LDF Advisory Group the CS is due to be considered by Cabinet on 22 September, followed by council on 13 October and then published for public comment. As explained at the last LDF Advisory group it is extremely important that the council produce an agreed CS for the following reasons:
- (a) An up-to-date policy framework is required for the Strategic Reserve Areas on the east of the city. These areas are part of the Tariff Framework Agreement. The policy framework is required to be in place by June 2011 to enable decisions to be made on planning applications for these areas. The CS will be a key element of that framework. If it is not in place, this could have implications in terms of tariff revenue and possible planning appeals.
 - (b) If we do not submit the CS as planned, GOSE's view is that we will need to consider the possibility of development east of the M1 - and other possible long term locations for development after 2026 - in the current CS rather than a future review of the document. Members will recall that development east of the M1 was deleted from the South East Plan earlier this year in response to representations from the council and others.
 - (c) There is a danger that some of the studies that are part of the evidence base for the CS will need to be updated, at additional time and cost.
 - (d) Delay will be reflected in measures of the council's performance – e.g. CPA score, Housing and Planning Delivery Grant. It may also affect our ability to attract government and regional funding – e.g. Growth Fund bids.