

**Background note to accompany meeting of LDF Task Group 20 October 2008
Agenda Item 4 Update of Local Development Scheme Sept 08 – July 09**

Stage	Date	Notes
Update Members on progress of Study work	LDF Management Group 5 September 08	
Decide on feedback arrangements for Members	LDF Management Group 20 th October 2008	Dates for next meetings of LDF group and timings of workshops (if needed)
Report back on Reps on preferred options	Environment Committee 19 th November 2008	
Government Decision on Eco-Town	Expected – January 2009	
Members consider residual housing allocations	Environment Committee – 20 th January 2009	
Members consider spatial implications of options for Stansted Airport	Environment Committee March 2009	
Members approve a draft submission document	Special Environment Committee May/June 2009	
Consultation on draft submission document	June/July 2009	

Government Office have suggested that at the same time as the consultation on the Draft Submission document the Council could also consult on the Issues and Options on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. Although the Core Strategy would identify the strategic sites it will not identify the smaller sites, only the scale of development in the villages/towns. These smaller sites will need to be identified in the Site Allocations DPD. Such a consultation would therefore supplement the Core Strategy consultation.

Members' views are sought on this suggestion.