

**Committee: Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group**

**Agenda Item**

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**Title: Duty to Cooperate**

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Item for noting

### **Summary**

1. This report updates members on the Duty to Cooperate work.

### **Recommendations**

2. To note the report.

### **Financial Implications**

3. None

### **Background Papers**

4. None

### **Impact**

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Communication/Consultation	Communication and consultation form the bedrock of cooperating. This paper is published on the website.
Community Safety	The Duty to Cooperate will include all factors.
Equalities	The Duty to Cooperate will include all factors.
Health and Safety	The Duty to Cooperate will include all factors.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	The Duty to Cooperate will include all factors. Failure to comply would result in the Local Plan being found unsound.
Sustainability	The Duty to Cooperate will include all factors.
Ward-specific impacts	Affects all wards equally
Workforce/Workplace	This will involve Councillors, officers from the Planning Policy Team and others as necessary.

## Situation

6. This report seeks to update members on the Duty to Cooperate which forms part of Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011. The Duty requires local planning authorities, public bodies and others to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in relation to the planning of sustainable development.

## Current work

7. The Assistant Director attended a round table event with the **Police and Crime Commissioner** focusing on policy towards Gypsies and Travellers. The work of the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit was appraised. The Council is an active partner in the Unit and the most recent agenda pack is attached to this report.
8. The Leader and Assistant Director attended the recent **London Stansted Cambridge Consortium (LSCC)** Board meeting on 4 March 2015.
9. The Director and Assistant Director attended an officer level meeting with **South Cambridgeshire District Council** on 5 March 2015. This was a very useful meeting in updating in the current position of each council. South Cambridgeshire is jointly at Examination on the Local Plan with Cambridge City. Further examination dates are set for April. Officers agreed to hold another meeting in June when the results of the UDC Call for Sites would be known.
10. Cllr Cheetham and the Assistant Director attended the recent meeting of the **Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG)** on 6 March 2015. A presentation from the Civil Aviation Authority was given which explained the various changes and consultation exercises undertaken by the body over recent years. The meeting also discussed the future of the Interest Group which arose due to staff changes.
11. The Assistant Director and Senior Planning Policy Officer attended an officer working group with Epping Forest, Harlow and East Herts Councils focusing on the early outcomes of the **Epping Forest Green Belt review**.
12. The **Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)** work is ongoing and the **Cooperation for Sustainable Development Board** on 16 March received a presentation from the consultants at its last meeting. The delay has been caused due to the delayed release of the household projections by government.
13. Cllr Barker and the Assistant Director attended the **Greater London Authority Regional Summit** on the 19 March 2015. The agenda and briefing document for the meeting are attached as an appendix to this report.

## Conclusion

14. Work with other Councils and organisations continue as part of the integrated work of the Planning Policy Team. As part of the development of the revised

plan there are some important Duty to Cooperate meetings to be held and decision to be made. Councillors will be aware that some of these decisions will be difficult and involve a significant amount of discussion and negotiation before an outcome can be secured.

## Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Failure to comply with and demonstrate the Duty to Cooperate	2 – Some Council’s have been found lacking in this Duty by Inspectors. Therefore need to ensure that we capture as many groups, issues and outcomes as possible to present a full picture of our work.	3 – Will result in the Local Plan being found unsound. Significant impact on planning policy and planning applications.	Cooperate closely with current organisations and continue to do this through the plan making process. Identify any gaps in cooperation and work closely with those bodies to rectify situation.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.