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Dear Sir / Madam

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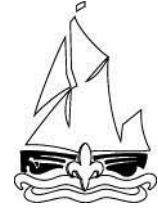
The Council has provided the following Committee Report to assist the Examination-in-Public process and provide a comprehensive and transparent audit trail of the decision making process. This report from the Head of Planning Services to the Planning and Licensing Committee/Council was withheld from publication at the time due to certain elements of its content being regarded as necessary for consideration in private session at the relevant meeting.

Appendix 1 of this report has not been provided because it contains information which remains confidential to the Council and is not deemed to be required to assist the Examination-in-Public process.

Kind regards,



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**REPORT of
HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES**

**TO
PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
16 SEPTEMBER 2010**

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12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972*

**MALDON DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PROGRESS
REPORT**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on the current position of the Local Development Framework.

2. AREAS FOR DECISION/ACTION

- 2.1 Following the formation of the new Coalition Government in May, a number of changes have been announced to the planning system which impact upon the development of the Local Development Framework.
- 2.2 Most notably, the Government has decided to abolish Regional Strategies. The Regional Strategy previously set out targets and policies for the Maldon District on a range of issues, including future housing targets. However, by abolishing the Regional Strategy, the Government has transferred greater power to the local level, including the ability to set future housing targets locally.
- 2.3 As a result of these changes, a workshop was held for Members on 5 August 2010 entitled 'Planning for Future Housing Provision in the District', which a range of Officers and Members attended. The notes of the workshop are attached as APPENDIX 1. The workshop discussions have now provided an initial steer for Officers to progress the production of the Local Development Framework, and specifically the Core Strategy.
- 2.4 Endorsement to formally progress the Local Development Framework will be sought from Planning and Licensing Committee and Full Council as appropriate in due course. In the meantime, further discussions will take place at Planning Policy Panel on 7 September 2010, and an additional workshop is to be arranged to allow Members to discuss issues relating to retail and the Area Action Plan for the Maldon Central Area.
- 2.5 Work to develop the evidence base for the Local Development Framework is ongoing, including the production of a Retail Monitoring Survey, an Open Space and Green Infrastructure Study, and a Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessment.

3. LINKS WITH CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The progression of the Local Development Framework supports the implementation of the corporate objectives, namely:
- Protecting our rural heritage;
 - Supporting an active local economy;
 - Increasing the affordable housing supply; and
 - Promoting civic pride.
- 3.2 The Local Development Framework will also help to encourage and maintain a District which takes pride in itself, in accordance with the corporate vision of the Council.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Corporate Risk** – Progression of the Local Development Framework is a corporate priority for 2010 / 2011. The Local Development Framework provides the planning policy framework for facilitating the implementation of other corporate projects and services.
- (ii) **Sustainability** – the production of Development Plan Documents as part of the Local Development Framework are subject to a formal Sustainability Appraisal process. The Local Development Framework will provide a framework to promote sustainable development in accordance with national Planning Policy Statement 1.
- (iii) **Resources** – the Local Development Framework timetable will be subject to revision to reflect the outcome of discussions. As before, the revised timetable will reflect available resources, and assume that resources are maintained for the timetable period.
- (iv) **Impact on the Environment** – the Local Development Framework will seek to promote the environmental sustainability of the District through its objectives and policy requirements.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Members recently considered a number of changes to the planning system at a workshop entitled 'Planning for Future Housing Provision in the District'. The notes of the workshop are attached at APPENDIX 1. Further discussions will now take place with Members before seeking formal endorsement to progress as required.

6. RECOMMENDATION

To note the current position of the Local Development Framework following the changes which have been announced to the planning system by the Coalition Government.

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