

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 3 DECEMBER 2013  
EXECUTIVE – 9 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING  
AND TRANSPORT

DUTY TO CO-OPERATE - UPDATE REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report presents the notes of the latest round of Member-level meetings with adjoining Local Planning Authorities

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE**  
**PANEL, EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL: That:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the notes of recent Member-level meetings with Harlow and Uttlesford Councils, be noted.</b>
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1.0 Background

1.1 A report to the District Planning Executive Panel on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (see Background Papers) explained the background to the Duty to Co-Operate and its implications for the East Herts District Plan. The report explained that the duty required the Council as Local Planning Authority to engage constructively with a range of bodies at the formative stages of plan-making. The duty also applies to other public sector bodies such as the County Council.

1.2 The report of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 explained that one of the most complex areas of the duty is around the issue of cross-boundary strategic priorities, in particular in relation to the issue of unmet housing need, which applies in the case of districts with little physical capacity to accommodate their housing and development needs.

- 1.3 The report sought agreement for the Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Transport to be authorised to represent East Herts Council in meetings with the relevant Member(s) from neighbouring local planning authorities, Hertfordshire and Essex County Councils, and other relevant bodies.
- 1.4 It was agreed that the notes of all Member-level meetings would be reported back to the District Planning Executive Panel. Member-level meetings with Welwyn Hatfield Borough, Stevenage Borough, and North Herts District were reported in the Duty to Co-Operate Update Report of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The same report also included a summary of the main cross-boundary issues for each of the seven adjoining Local Planning Authorities.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 Further meetings have taken place with Harlow and Uttlesford Councils. The notes of both meetings are attached at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Uttlesford District Council and Harlow District Council have agreed the notes of the meetings as presented here.

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Background Papers

- 'The Duty to Co-Operate' and East Herts District Plan (District Planning Executive Panel, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012)
- Duty to Co-Operate Update Report (District Planning Executive Panel, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013)

Both reports may be accessed at:

<http://online.eastherts.gov.uk/moderngov/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=151>

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