

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 13 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN: INTERIM DUTY TO CO-OPERATE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report presents the Interim Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:

(A)	the Interim Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement be agreed in support of the Pre-Submission District Plan.
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1.0 Background

1.1 A report to the District Planning Executive Panel on 28th 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 throughout the plan-making process in order to address strategic cross boundary issues.

2.0 Report

2.1 A number of authorities across the country have had their Local Plans found 'unsound' at Examination in recent months on the basis that they have not adequately demonstrated that they have met the requirements of the Duty.

2.2 In order to help ensure that East Herts is able to demonstrate to an Inspector at Examination that it has met the requirements of

the Duty, a Compliance Statement is required. The Statement should identify how the Council has engaged with neighbouring authorities and other organisations throughout the plan making process in order to address strategic cross boundary issues.

2.3 This report presents an Interim Duty to Co-operate Compliance Statement in support of the Pre-Submission District Plan. It should be noted that Plan making does not finish at Pre-Submission stage and that therefore, discussions with the relevant bodies will continue over the coming months. A final version of the Compliance Statement will be prepared prior to Submission of the District Plan in March 2017.

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

District Planning Executive Panel 28th November 2012:

<http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/documents/s17132/Duty%20to%20Co-Operate.pdf>

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