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Meeting

Communities Department Briefing

Date

10 October 2007 (commencing at 10:00 am)

Membership

Councillor Reg Adair Councillor Steve Carroll Councillor Jen Cole Councillor Mike Cox Councillor Sybil Fielding Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle Councillor Keith Girling Councillor Helen Holt

Councillor John Knight
Councillor Bruce Laughton
Councillor Tom Pettengell
Councillor David Shaw
Councillor Stella Smedley
Councillor Mark Spencer
Councillor John Stocks
Councillor Brian Wombwell

1.0	Welcome and Introductions	
2.0	Minutes of previous Meeting and Matters Arising (30 April 2007)	Agreed
3.0	<u>Apologies</u>	None
4.0	Review of Sub National Economic Development and Regeneration	
4.1	Presentation outlined: Origins/Objections/Principles. Regional role — East Midlands Regional Assembly will continue to retain the Regional Planning transfer to EMDA in around 2010.	
4.2	 Cllr Bruce Laughton Business already overburdened with Government interference and bureaucracy. Wants to ensure input from businesses in strategies. 	
4.3	Welcomed that Assemblies being phased out. Where, if any, is role of East Midlands LA Association? Mansfield wants more and Rushcliffe	

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	wants less housing. Districts come to mutual agreement will Government agree to this. Steve Calvert – Each Housing Market Area (HMA) must meet	
	its own requirement. Mansfield and Rushcliffe are in separate HMAs.	
4.4	Members asked about the role of Districts in Economic Development.	
	Mick Burrows – Nothing has been firmed up but at present emda are indicating that they would prefer to only work with the Regional Authorities in the region.	
4.5	Cllr Bruce Laughton	
	Pleased that LA have input but concerned that Districts may not have a say.	
,	Mick Burrows – NCC have accountability to lead and deliver and the majority of partners are supportive.	
5.0	Homes for the Future' Green Paper Consultation August 2007	
5.1	Cllr Brandon Bravo	
	What is the definition of affordable housing?	
	Steve Calvert – lower end of the market.	
5.2	Cllr Brandon Bravo	
	Is this saying to District Councils to build new instead of divesting themselves of council housing?	
5.3	Cllr Stella Smedley	
	Tremendous possibilities/opportunities that new housing could bring.	
	What effort is being made to bring empty/derelict housing into use?	
	Difficulty faced that other Authorities could overtake us regarding future development and consequently	

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	drift of skills/education etc.
	Why can't we have something on Nottinghamshire basis focus?
	Steve Calvert – Under the new system the structure plan will be replaced.
	Would like further briefing on impact local areas – Steve Calvert confirmed can do.
	People sitting on land.
5.4	John Allen – Post flood – planners putting too much building on land without increased drainage to support.
5.5	Cllr Martin Brandon-Bravo
	Wants to flag up 'planning again'. Can we put drainage costs into builders but then will push price up for buyers and then not 'affordable homes'.
5.6	Cllr Sue Saddington
	Concern that growth point in Newark is on flood plain and that owners will not get insurance. Can we be sure that this will not happen?
	Steve Calvert – Crucial body is Environment Agency, they are being asked to comment on choice of growth points and will have stronger say on decisions.
5.7	Cllr Bruce Laughton
8	Feels builders will do job for us as they will not be able to sell houses if they are on flood plains.
6.0	Clir Stella Smedley thanked everybody for attending the meeting.
7.0	Date of the Next Meeting: Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 2:00 pm in the Rufford Suite, County Hall

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