

**Local Planning
Executive Advisory Panel**

Meeting Notes

**Sports Pavilion and Community Centre,
Coventry Road, Lutterworth LE17 4SH**

Wednesday 10th April 2013

Commencing: 2pm

Councillors Present: Ackerley (Chair), Beaty, Hall, Dr Hill, Burrell, King & Liquorish

Officers Present: S. Pointer (SP), L. Aspinall (LA) & G. Keeping (GK)

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence None received.	
2.	Election of Chairman Cllr Ackerley was elected as Chairman.	
3.	Terms of reference of the panel The terms of reference were noted. The Advisory Panel's meeting notes will be fed back to the Executive.	
4.	Harborough Housing Requirements Study SP introduced the executive summary and main report; these together represent the final version of the study, as amended following the briefing session held with members. The report provides an objective assessment of housing needs within the District, taking into account projected economic growth. Concern was raised by Panel members that the rate of economic growth suggested in the report might not be realistic. SP responded that, while believed to be reliable, the report is only one source of evidence and would need to be considered alongside the Council's own assessment of need and priorities. Officers will continue to critically assess the figures and	

	<p>assumptions in the report and an informed response to the figures included in the study will be made once its assumptions and figures have been assessed.</p> <p>The report does not cover the type/design of houses; this will form part of the separate Strategic Housing Market Assessment, which is to be commissioned.</p> <p>Some panel members felt that there might be issues over the figure in the report for the total number of houses required under a five year supply calculation and noted there was an appeal pending in Broughton Astley. Adrian Eastwood and SP will be meeting with developers at Broughton Asley to discuss the timing of decisions and the information to be used in decisions.</p> <p>It was noted that the report did not contain any references to transport issues. The Chairman indicated that the report is just one piece of the evidence and that issues relating to transport and the location of housing would need to be investigated separately. Figures and assumptions used in the report would need to be validated. The work-programme for this process will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	SP
5.	<p>Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment Refresh SP presented the report to the Panel, for information. The Refresh had been commissioned alongside seven other Leicester and Leicestershire local authorities and looks at provision up to 2017. There is a long-term requirement for 150 permanent residential pitches (existing and additional) within the District by 2031 – twenty-seven of these by 31 March 2017. Historically, Harborough has been able to meet its needs by responding to planning applications and this may continue to be the case in the future. No further transit provision need has been identified.</p>	
6.	<p>Any other business None.</p>	
7.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday 21st May 2013 ○ Wednesday 19th June 2013 ○ Wednesday 17th July 2013 (may need to be changed - 24th July suggested) 	
	The meeting closed at 3.30pm	