



BRIEFING NOTE REF. NO. 7/2006/07

**NOTICE OF MOTION: COUNCILLOR R FEWKES
10TH JULY 2006 (KB1)**

1 Purpose of Briefing Note

- 1.1 To update Members on the implementation of Notice of Motion from Council on 10th July 2006

2 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 10th July 2006, Council received the following Notice of Motion from Councillor Roger Fewkes

“Following the appeal decision on the release of the KB/1 site allocated in the Local Plan and the potential financial implications that have resulted from the decision of Council. Will the Council now conduct an investigation into the background as to the decisions taken so that Council may draw conclusions from such an investigation and avoid such occurrences in the future”?

- 2.2 Council decided to refer the matter to the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission to consider the most appropriate mechanism for conducting the investigation.

- 2.3 The Chair of the Scrutiny Commission having considered a number of possibilities, has decided to refer the matter to a specially formed “task and finish” Scrutiny Panel (in accordance with Part 4(5) 1.03 of the Constitution).

3. Process

- 3.1 A special meeting of the Scrutiny Commission will be held (date to be advised) to formally appoint the Panel. The Panel will comprise 7 Members of Scrutiny and will be politically balanced (Balance 3;3;1). The level of time commitment from Panel members will be high as it is hoped that the in depth process will be completed by Christmas 2006. There will be a high level of officer support for the process. The process will be based on the existing agreed framework for Scrutiny Review. The Panel will report back its findings and recommendations to the Scrutiny Commission in the first instance. Advice and guidance on planning issues will be available to Members and the Special Panel and any necessary training given.