AGENDA ITEM:

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EXECUTIVE

DATE: 20TH APRIL 2009

SUBJECT: JOINT COMMITTEE CORE STRATEGY,

PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL ✓ STAFFING

EQUALITIES ✓ **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

FINANCIAL ✓ RISKS

OTHER

CONSULTATIONS:

COUNCILLORS CONSULTED SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CONSULTED

STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

LEAD EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S): COUNCILLOR RJ DAVIS

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Executive is asked to:
 - (i) Note that the consultation period runs from April 17th until June 12th 2009.
 - (ii) Note there will be a report back to the Executive on 1st June 2009 with Scrutiny and the Council's response.
 - (iii) Refer the Core Strategy Preferred Options to the Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee and request that Committee to provide a view on the Core Strategy Preferred Options to the Executive to be held on 1st June 2009.

REPORT

- 2. The Core Strategy Preferred Options report is a document which identifies the Joint Committee's preferred locations for urban extensions to provide new housing and employment in line with the Milton Keynes South Midlands Sub-Regional Strategy which identified the area around the Luton/Dunstable urban conurbation as an area for growth.
- 3. Whilst Luton Borough Council is represented by six Councillors on the Joint Committee responsible for the document preparation and approval we are also consultees to the Core Strategy Preferred Options.
- 4. A response to the consultation is required on 12th June 2009. There is an Executive on 1st June 2009 and it is recommended that officers report back on the Council's suggested response to the consultation.
- 5. The response would benefit from the views of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, which in this case is the Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None at this time.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7. None at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None at this time.

OPTIONS

9. None at this time

APPENDIX

The following appendix is attached to this report:

Appendix A – Joint Committee Core Strategy - Preferred Options Consultation (Copy places in Members Group Rooms)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Core Strategy.