

## **Matters arising from the Strategic Development Task Group – 3 December 2008**

1. The South Cheshire Sub-regional Study has been completed by ARUPs on behalf of 4NW. Members of the Task Group and Places Advisory Panel will receive a hard copy when available.
2. Strategic Housing Market Assessments have been completed in Macclesfield and commenced in Congleton and Crewe and Nantwich. A paper on the findings of the SHMA's will follow to Places Advisory Panel once completed.
3. Sub-Regional Economic Development Partnership: - discussions have commenced with Cheshire West and Warrington BC and the Chief Executive and Director of Cheshire East to form a view on what will replace the Cheshire and Warrington Economic Alliance. Key issues are the delivery method, funding and links with 4NW and NWDA. Warrington BC will lead the discussions. Progress will be reported back to the Task Group and subsequently the Advisory Panel.
4. Major projects: the definition of major projects has been re-defined and the "long list" of major development proposals will be realised. Funding and partners will be added, the projects prioritised in order of their likelihood to come forward. The list will be kept under review at subsequent Task Group meetings.

Members received updates on the Macclesfield Town Centre scheme (planning applications due to be determined in March 2009, with completion of the project in 2014; and South Macclesfield Development Area (no longer a Regional Economic Strategy priority area and the development of the site is being progressed with English Partnerships to bring forward affordable housing solutions.

Updates on two major projects will follow at each Task Group meeting.

5. Economic Development Services: work has begun on identifying how each of the four authorities delivers these Services. Macclesfield had prepared their "as is" position, the three others will report to the next Task Group. A SWOP analysis and options appraisal will be worked up, potentially by an external consultant.
6. The potential for joint working with Cheshire West on minerals planning policy was supported. This was not explicitly referred to in the LDS and Government Office North West had highlighted the disparity with the LDS of Cheshire West. The matter needs to be discussed at Management Board and Cabinet to allow for reflection in the LDS and submission to Government Office North West by the end of December.
7. Task Group Work Programme: future items will include; major projects update; the way forward for Economic Development Services and progress on Strategic Housing Markets Assessments.
8. Next meeting: 11 February 2009.