Agenda Item 12                Joint Local Plan Issues Consultation and Update

Since the preparation of the agenda report the views of the Planning Committee have been sought on the publication of the ‘Issues Paper Consultation Document’ for public consultation purposes and the revised Joint Local Plan Timetable.

The Planning Committee raised a concern that “The Village Envelopes should not be allowed to grow as this would constitute urban sprawl.”

Officers comment:

The Draft Issues Paper Consultation Document, in Chapter 5 ‘City, Town and Other Centres’, under Issue 4 ‘Rural Service Centres’ states that “village envelope boundaries will need to be reviewed to ensure that they are up to date.”

Officers Recommendation:

That Cabinet note the concern raised by the Planning Committee, but Cabinet are reminded that this Issues Paper Consultation Document has been prepared for the purposes of identifying strategic issues that will need to be addressed at the next key stage in the preparation of the Joint Local Plan, ‘Strategic Options’. Therefore, it is not recommended that any change is made to the Issues Paper Consultation Document in response to the Planning Committee’s observation.