

## **Draft Regional Spatial Strategy – Background on Housing Provision Rates.**

### **Introduction**

This briefing provides further background to the process for arriving at the housing provision figures included in the draft RSS (published in January 2006) for each Local Planning Authority in the region. The briefing describes the chronology of the discussion on housing provision.

*Appended to this briefing are the reports to the Assembly's Regional Planning and Infrastructure Commission (the Commission), its Executive Group and the Assembly meeting that approved draft RSS for consultation referred to below and copies of the two runs of the housing model that led to the figures in draft RSS.*

Two pieces of work were commissioned by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly from consultants to inform the work on housing provision rates. Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners in 2004 produced the first piece of work, the Methodology for Establishing the Scale and Distribution of Housing Provision. In 2005 the same consultants produced a second piece of work the Report on Housing and Economic Success. Both of these reports can be viewed in the Planning Library section of the Assembly web site.

### **Chronology**

#### September 2005 The Regional Planning and Infrastructure Commission

The two consultants' reports referred to in the introduction provide the technical background to the calculation of the housing provision figures. The Commission the Assembly's elected member and other stakeholder body that has steered the preparation of the Regional Spatial Strategy considered this technical work and other information at its meeting on 22nd September 2005 in reports that examined: -

- The options for the overall scale of housing provision in the region
- The sub regional apportionment of that provision
- The provision rates for individual Local Planning Authority Areas

The Commission agreed at the September meeting the overall scale of provision and the general approach to sub regional apportionment and Local Planning Authority area figures and further work as set out in the amended recommendations to the Commission.

#### October 2005 The Regional Planning and Infrastructure Commission Executive Group

Following the Commission, the Executive Group met on 12th October 2005 to give further consideration to the provision rates for individual Local Planning Authority Areas. In particular it considered two different options for housing provision in West Yorkshire. At the meeting officers of the Assembly were asked to do further work to try and resolve the different views on the provision rates for the Local Planning Authority Areas in West Yorkshire.

### November 2005 The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly – The Regional Planning Body

The further work following the Executive Group meeting led to the revised provision figures that were put to the Assembly at its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. This meeting approved the draft RSS for consultation without making any further changes to the scale and distribution of housing.

### December 2005

Draft RSS including the housing figures agreed at the Assembly submitted to the Government Office prior to formal consultation that was commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

### **Reports appended**

RPIC 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005

Agenda item 7 – 3 reports

- Scale of Housing Provision
- Sub regional apportionment
- Local Authority Distribution
- Amended recommendation

RPIC Executive Group 12<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Agenda item 4

- RSS Housing Provision

The Yorkshire & Humber Assembly 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005

- Report on RSS
- Appendix 2 RSS policies
- Supplement to appendix 2

The Housing Distribution Model - Excel Spread Sheets

- ONS Chelmer version
- Forecast B economic success

These spread sheets should be read in conjunction with the two reports from Nathaniel Litchfield & Partners that set out the detail of the Housing model and the reports to the Commission referred to above.

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