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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19th February 2007

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor I Beech (Chair) and Councillors Chalk, Dudley, Hicks, Hunt and Pulsford.

Non-members:

Councillors Anderson, Braley, Field and MacMillan.

Officers:

R Bamford, A Grimmett and J Staniland.

48. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Enderby and Taylor.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest or of the Party Whip.

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 17th of January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

51. REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY – PHASE TWO REVIEW

The Committee received a report setting out the draft response of the Council to the Housing questions relating to the Regional Spatial Strategy – Phase Two Review.

Members discussed the suggested officer response to the Housing questions (H1 to H18) of the consultation document.

H1 to H18 formed part of the suggested officer response to this consultation period which was recommended for approval at Executive Committee and full Council on 21st & 26th February 2007 respectively. The responses discussed by O&S dealt with the overall

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housing allocation and distribution across the Region and more specifically, the options for Redditch Borough and related issues.

The point was also raised concerning the public profile of Redditch Borough Council and whether or not it would be possible for the Leader of the Council to present the Council's formal response to this consultation period to the Regional Planning Body on Monday 5th March.

RESOLVED that

the responses to questions H1 to H18 be endorsed subject to one amendment, as set out below:

H1: What overall level of new housing development do you think is appropriate to plan for across the Region?

Options	Level of Demand 2001-2026 (gross)	Yes	No
One	381,000	✓	
Two	491,200		*
Three	575,000		✓

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.
and closed at 9.00 p.m.

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