

## **Information Note 1:**

### **Chelmer Population and Household Scenarios - July 2006**

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In response to Ruth Kelly's letter of 23 June, the following work has been commissioned from the Population and Housing Research Group, Anglia University to produce new population, household and labour force projections for South West Local Authority Districts.

The following scenarios are being generated:

1. Base reference case: a set of Chelmer projections using equivalent migration assumptions used in the 2003 based ONS sub national population projections (and which subsequently formed the basis of the new DCLG sub national household projections) using the new ONS Household Representative Rates (HRRs). This will show the close degree of correspondence between the the Chelmer and ONS models running under similar assumptions and will provide a "datum" point for comparison with the other scenarios.
2. Zero net migration assumption 2006-26 (new Household Representative Rates)
3. Produce housing constrained projections for 23,000 dw pa RSS Table 4.1 total
4. Produce housing constrained projections for 25,000 pa and 28,000 pa Scenarios:
  - Distribute 2k pa and 5k pa growth to 21 Strategic Settlements (SSCTs) only (pro rata to RSS Table 4.2)
  - Distribute growth pro rata to Table 4.1 to all LAs in SW
  - Distribute growth pro rata to Table 4.1 to all non SSCTs and parts of District not in SSCTs
5. Later work (not included in the initial projections) :
  - Housing constrained projections using RPG10 proposals (20,200 dw p.a) applying new HRRs, distributed as per relative growth under current adopted Structure Plan or pre-deposit Structure Plan Alteration.
  - The additional growth (plus 2,000 and plus 5,000) to be allocated to the national Growth Centre bid SSCTs.

The general implications of higher rates of growth beyond 28,000 dw pa will be also examined following further work on the relationship between the new ONS/ DCLG household projections, the revised international migration and other assumptions in the 2004 based ONS national

population projections and the economic growth assumptions in the draft RSS.

The projections will use recently updated age specific economic activity rates. A technical note on changes in detailed data updates which have been incorporated into the projections since the previous set of June 2005 will be provided.

The raw output data files from the projections are expected to be received by 24 July and, following initial checking and summarisation, these will be made available to local authorities and regional partners by 31 July. An initial discussion paper analysing the implications of the projections will be prepared and distributed by 4 September. Additional Sustainability Assessment work will be commissioned if required (higher growth options were examined as part of the original SSA and further work required may not be very substantial).

A regional stakeholders workshop will be held on 22 September to discuss the implications of the projections. Professor Dave King from Anglia University (who advised the DCLG and ONS on factors underlying the new HRRs) will also be presenting a discussion on the factors, and their implications, underlying the HRR projections at a regional and national level.

A report will be made to RSPTG on 5 October and to full Regional Assembly on 20 October.

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