

## **GROWTH & PROSPERITY OVERVIEW SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **Briefing Note: Government Policy Changes**

**June 2010**

#### **1.Planning System reforms:**

- **Greater power to local people**
- **Planning policy to be streamlined**
- **Local plans more transparent**
- **Communities to help develop proposals for their neighbourhoods, rather than be consulted on options already prepared**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/planningandbuilding/1622534>

#### **2.Abolition of Leader's Boards:**

- **Dismantling of Leaders Boards**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1617912>

#### **3."Garden Grabbing" change to planning policy:**

- **Proposals for gardens to be taken outside of Brownfield category**
- **Changes to density policies**
- **Planning Policy Statement 3 : Housing (PPS3) changes;**

*The definition of previously developed land in Annex B now excludes private residential gardens*

*The national indicative minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare is deleted from para 47*

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/planningandbuilding/16102161>

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/statements/corporate/pps3statement>