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Dear Colleagues

### **Future of Luton Districts**

As many of you may be aware some debates have been taking place with District Teams and Executives in respect of potential changes to District Boundaries within Luton. These have been promoted by the moves of two of the Luton District Commissioners, following their appointment reviews, to positions within the County Team. These changes did provide a potential catalyst for change and hence two meetings have been held with representatives of the Districts.

The first concerned the possibility of merger of Icknield and Lea Valley Districts. Initial debates with District Representatives discounted this as an option in the main due to the number of groups and geographic considerations.

For the same reasons the move to one District has never been a consideration and therefore a further debate with representatives of all the Luton Districts took place on 26 October. Various possibilities of moving to a two-district structure were considered at this meeting. The overall aims of any such move would be clearly focused on the support to groups and the effective use of District resources, Executives and ADCs. In this respect the support of the majority of District Leadership and Executives would be needed to meet these aims.

The views of those present can be summarised that any such move may be premature in view of potential growth that the Centenary events in 2007 may facilitate and that the situation should be reviewed in 12 to 15 months time. Therefore the process to appoint District Commissioners within Icknield and Lea Valley will now commence. A search group made up of representatives of the three Districts within Luton chaired by the County Chairman will be established and nominations from adults across Luton will be considered for these vacancies. Further details as to the process will be communicated by the search group in due course.

It will be my intention in the latter part of 2007 to instigate a working party to revisit the potential to move to two Districts across Luton and they will be charged to consult and investigate across Luton the opportunities, issues, etc such a change may bring.

You should feel free to copy and distribute this letter as appropriate.

Yours sincerely



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