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Wards affected	All wards		

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1. Decision(s) Required

- 1.1 The Local Plan Committee is requested to note the findings of the 2011 Census Colchester Borough Travel to Work Patterns Report.

2. Reasons for Decision(s)

- 2.1 To ensure the Committee is aware of the evidence base being gathered to inform development of the new Local Plan.

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 None - the Council must demonstrate its policies are based on a robust evidence base.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 Planning Practice Guidance suggests it is important for Local Planning Authorities to undertake an assessment of transport implications in developing or reviewing their Local Plan. Analysis of the 2011 Census helps inform the baseline and provides an understanding of existing travel to work patterns.
- 4.2 The document is attached as an appendix to this report and is available on the Colchester Borough Council website in the Local Plan evidence base. A presentation will be given at the meeting.
- 4.3 The report is split into the following parts:
- An Introduction with key messages and an overview at the borough level.
 - A series of illustrated pages giving information on Borough wide findings, Rural work place zones, Urban work place zones and Journeys from Tendring. The pie charts illustrate the modal split; the table sets out the volume of movement from one zone to another zone and the map illustrates the main movements.
- 4.4 The Census asks the following questions from which the data is drawn:
- “How do you usually travel to work? Tick the box for the longest part, by distance, of your usual journey to work”
 - “In your main job, what is the address of your workplace?”

- 4.5 These questions have their limitations e.g. “how” - only picks up longest mode, “where” - only allows for the final destination and for only one job. Trips for education, shopping and leisure activities are not recorded. Without undertaking local surveys the Census is the best source of data freely available on travel to work patterns.

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- 4.6 The document includes an overall summary for the Borough and information on each Travel to Work place zone. In most cases these work place zones are similar to electoral wards. In a small number of cases electoral wards have been split in two or merged with neighbouring wards. A new answer was included in the 2011 census for travel to work - “no fixed place”. This makes comparison with previous census more difficult and also determining how many people live and work locally. 7,176 of employed residents answered “no fixed place”.
- 4.7 Key Figures from the 2011 Census for Colchester are:
- 109,043 work related trips per day across the Borough
 - 86,075 employed people live in the Borough (inc “no fixed place”)
 - 54,058 (69%) people live and work in the Borough (exc “no fixed place”)
 - 24,850 leave the Borough for work
 - 22,968 people come into the Borough to work
 - 7,176 have “no fixed place” of work

5. Proposals and Findings

- 5.1 It is proposed that the findings of the Colchester Travel to Work Patterns be noted by the Committee.

6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 This research helps to deliver the following themes of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan:

Vibrant - promoting our heritage and working hard to shape our future – this work helps develop the local plan.

Prosperous - generating opportunities for growth and supporting infrastructure – this research helps understand the pressure on the existing infrastructure and where there are potential opportunities.

7. Publicity Considerations

- 7.1 Press interest on travel to work issues was demonstrated by media coverage on the topic following the last Local Plan Committee. This report will highlight the Council's comprehensive information on the topic.

8 Standard References

- 8.1 There are no particular references consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.