CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Community Development Committee

CDC Meeting Date:	December 11, 2024
Name of Agenda Item:	Comprehensive Plan – Non-binding Interlocal and Countywide Population Projections
Section of Agenda:	Discussion

Next Steps Proposed by Staff:		Legal Review:
☐ Staff revisions	☐ Planning Commission	☐ Completed
☐ Return to CDC	☐ Other Committees	☐ Recommended
☒ Schedule for full Council	☐ Other: _____	☒ Not Required

Attachments:

DRAFT Non-binding Interlocal Agreement re County and City Comp Plans and Population Projections, Spreadsheet showing population projections per city in Whatcom County

Summary Statement:

Planning staff has been working cooperatively with Whatcom County and the cities within Whatcom County on regional planning issues related to total populations projects and housing needs. The Committee may recall previous discussions related to both the "adjusted high" and "medium" projections for the City of Lynden. After analysis, given the capacity of the city's available land, and the challenges associated with the available land, the CDC indicated a preference of pursue the medium projection.

This information was included in the County-wide projects to formulate a regional housing capacities per income levels. These numbers serve as a starting point for planning efforts in Comprehensive Plans for municipalities throughout the County.

The attached spreadsheet summarizes the projections chosen per city and "distributes" the housing capacity at these ratios. These projections will be documented in a non-binding interlocal agreement. This agreement is also attached for CDC review with the intent that the document would be brought to full Council at a later date.

Recommended Action:

Discuss county-wide growth capacity, review population projections, and the format of the non-binding interlocal agreement.