

To: Cabinet – 17 September 2008

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Going Local;
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Subject: INFORMAL MEMBER GROUP “GOING LOCAL” –
Supplementary Report following County Council

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The final report of the Informal Member Group to County Council on 6 September is reproduced in full as Appendix 1. The views and comments Members expressed during debate in County Council are being summarised in a supplementary report, which will comprise Appendix 2 to this report and which is to follow.

FOR DECISION

1. The report attached at Appendix 1 represents the conclusions of detailed work which commenced in March 2006 with the appointment of the Informal Member Group by the Leader of the County Council, Mr Paul Carter.
2. The work of the Informal Member Group has examined all aspects of the County Council's strategies, policies and service operations with a view to considering how engagement in local democracy can be enhanced.
3. The progress of this work has been reported previously to County Council, on 25 May 2006, and to Cabinet, in September 2006, culminating in a full debate of the Informal Members Group's final conclusions and recommendations at County Council on 6 September 2007.
4. To assist Cabinet's consideration of the final report, a summary of the views expressed and comments made during the course of the County Council debate which took place on 6 September 2007 will be circulated as soon as possible following the Council meeting..

Background Documents - none;

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