

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION  
CABINET**

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES - THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER OCTOBER 2006</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: Mrs LO Barnett, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), RV Stockton, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.
Date of Decision:	16th November 2006
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgent Decision:	No
Purpose:	To note the Government's proposals in the Local Government White Paper, <i>Strong and prosperous communities</i> , and begin to consider their implications for the Council and how it may need to respond.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>THAT</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>the proposals in the Local Government White Paper, <i>Strong and prosperous communities</i> be noted and initial consideration be given to their implications for the Council and how it may need to respond.</b></li> <li>b) <b>a seminar for all members to be arranged; and</b></li> <li>c) <b>the report and appendices presented at Cabinet to be circulated to all Members.</b></li> </ul>
Reasons for the Decision:	The White Paper sets out key Government intentions regarding the future of local government and promises legislation at the earliest possible opportunity to give effect to them. There are important implications for the Council, which it needs to understand and take into account in its own planning and programmes.
Options Considered:	The Council has no alternative but to consider the implications of the White Paper and prepare to meet the statutory and other requirements.
Declaration of Interest:	None.

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:** ..... Date: 16th November 2006  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**