

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

| ITEM:                     | STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT   |
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| Members Present:          | Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, JC Mayson, DW Rule MBE (Deputy Leader), DB Wilcox, RM Wilson.  |
| Date of Decision:         | 22nd March 2007  |
| Exempt:                   | No   |
| Confidential              | No   |
| Urgent Decision:          | No   |
| Purpose:                  | To seek adoption of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and be informed of the Inspector's report into the soundness of the document. This document is required as part of the new planning system and will set out how the Council will consult on planning matters. |
| Decision:                 | <b>THAT the Inspector's report be received and that the Statement of Community Involvement be adopted as the Council's policy in respect of consultation on planning matters in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.</b>              |
| Reasons for the Decision: | It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 that as part of the Local Development Framework a Statement of Community Involvement is prepared which sets out the Council's policy in respect of consultation on planning matters.                                |
| Options Considered:       | There are no alternative options as preparation and adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory requirement.   |
| Declaration of Interest:  | None.  |

**COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:**..... Date: 22nd March 2007  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**