

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

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>DATA QUALITY POLICY</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: RJ Phillips (Leader), LO Barnett, AJM Blackshaw, H Bramer, JP French (Deputy Leader), JG Jarvis, DB Wilcox.
Date of Decision:	10 April 2008
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the data quality policy.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT Cabinet</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(a) note the actions being taken by the Chief Executive to improve data quality; and</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(b) approve those elements of the data quality policy at Appendix 1 that relate to its own role and those of the Leader, lead Cabinet Member and all Members.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The high quality of the data the Council receives, creates, uses and reports to others is too often taken for granted. It is a matter of public and regulatory concern nationally that procedures exist to demonstrate and improve data quality. The Audit Commission assesses each Authority annually and, like all regulators, increasingly emphasise appropriate systems and processes rather than individual indicators or returns. The Council's 2007/08 audit highlighted the lack of a formal policy which has now been produced for adoption.
Options Considered:	There are no Alternative Options.
Declaration of Interest:	

<b>COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:.....</b>	Date: 10 April 2008
<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>	