WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	LOCAL AREA FORUMS	
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Chairman), Mrs O Barnett, P Edwards, Mrs J French, GV Hyde, C Mayson, R Stockton, B Wilcox, M Wilson	
Date of Decision:	6th May, 2004	
Purpose:	To receive feedback on the first round of the Local Area Forums, and to note any issues raised by the community.	
Decision:	THAT	
	(a) the Schedule of meeting set out at the Appendix to the Report be approved (this does not preclude organising 'one off' meetings for specific topics;	
	(b) The Public Relations office be asked to undertake a publicity campaign targeting Parish Councils, the media, public libraries, community groups, etc;	
	(c) The UDP consultation be included in the next round of meetings, together with locations requested by community members; and	
	(d) Each meeting be attended by a Cabinet Member and a member of the Chief Executives Management Team.	
Reasons for the Decision:	Cabinet agreed the principles for new arrangements for LAFs in October 2003. Since then the first round of meetings has taken place. An important principle was that issues raised at the meetings would be fed back in to Cabinet after every round of Local Area Forums.	
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options	
Declaration of Interest:	None	

RJ PHILLIPS: Date:	
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	