# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

# REPORT TO: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date of Meeting:** 2 September 2010

**Report of:** Borough Solicitor / Strategic Director of Places

**Subject/Title:** Process for consideration and adoption of the Local Development

Framework (LDF) and amendments to the Constitution

Portfolio Holder: Cllrs David Brown and Jamie Macrae

# 1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This report sets out the current arrangements for developing and finally approving the LDF documents, and describes proposed amendments to streamline the process.

1.2 Details are set out in the report to Cabinet of 19 July which is attached.

### 2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That the current arrangements for approving the LDF are noted;
- 2.2 That the consultation process within the Council to take this matter forward, as described at Section 9.2 of the Cabinet report, is noted and commenced;
- 2.3 That it be noted that subject to the outcome of the consultation process, Cabinet will be invited to make recommendations to full Council regarding the alternative arrangements described in the table at Appendix 2;
- 2.4 That it be noted that recommendations to full Council will need to address any necessary authority for the Borough Solicitor to make any necessary and consequential amendments to the Constitution including additions to the terms of reference of Strategic Planning Board.

#### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To streamline the process for approval of the LDF whilst maintaining appropriate opportunities for members to be consulted and to contribute to the LDF preparation and approval process.

# 4.0 Consideration of the Report

4.1 The proposed timetable for the consideration of the report is Cabinet on 19 July, Strategic Planning Board on 4 August, Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee on 2 September, Environment & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on 14 September, Cabinet on 20 September and Council on 14 October.

4.2 No comments were made by Cabinet on 19 July or by Strategic Planning Board on 4 August.

## 5.0 Access to Information

# Appendix 1 Cabinet report of 19 July 2010

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting:

Name: Julie Openshaw

Designation: Legal Team Manager

Tel No: 01270 685846

Email: Julie.openshaw@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Name: Adrian Fisher

Designation: Head of Planning and Policy

Tel No: 01270 686641

Email: Adrian.fisher@cheshireeast.gov.uk