

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i></p>	<p><b>Priority 1:</b> Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities</p> <p><b>Priority 2:</b> Enhance the quality of people's lives</p> <p><b>Priority 3:</b> Enable a flourishing local economy</p> <p>The primary aim of the scrutiny process is to ensure, through enquiry, investigation and evaluation, that the Council's policies and services and those of its partners, reflect their corporate objectives.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>Potential topics for scrutiny are always invited from officers and the Executive and all Members and the public are asked through an annual invitation in the 'council tax' edition of LINK magazine which is delivered to every household. The work programme is refreshed at every scrutiny committee through this standing item on the agenda.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>According to the Council's constitution, the scrutiny committees are responsible for the setting of their own work programme in consultation with the Executive and in doing so they shall take into account wishes of members on that committee who are not members of the largest political group on the Council.</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>There are no financial implications arising from this report.</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>Any additional meetings and every task and finish group has resource needs linked to officer support activity and time for officers from the services to make the required input.</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>Scrutiny is about risk management, politically and organisationally. None the less, matters which may benefit from scrutiny may be overlooked. The selection of inappropriate topics for review would lead to inefficient use of resources for the council and</p>

	<p>potentially its partners and damage the reputation of the council and its relations with partners. These risks are minimised by ensuring ongoing consultation regarding the committees work programmes with councillors, officers and the wider public.</p>
<p>Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:</p>	<p>The broad remit of scrutiny is to review topics which are of concern to the public, many of which will have an impact on the general wellbeing of residents of East Herts.</p>
<p>Equality Impact Assessment required:</p>	<p>Not required although this maybe a valid line of inquiry for Scrutiny.</p>