

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives</p>	<p><b>People</b> This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable, and delivering strong services</p> <p><b>Place</b> This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>Public consultation on the draft Strategy has taken place for 6 weeks - 25 March to 6 May 2013. The document was made available online and as paper copies at East Herts Council offices and libraries in Bishop's Stortford, Buntingford, Hertford, Sawbridgeworth, Ware and Knebworth. Paper copies were also distributed to all Town and Parish Councils. Response could be made either by using the online 'survey monkey' consultation web link or by returning the consultation comment / response form.</p> <p>Internal consultation has been carried out with Environmental Health, Community Safety, Leisure Services, Engineers, Planning Policy, Community Engagement, and Environmental Coordination.</p> <p>In addition 30 external stakeholders and 42 other groups and individuals, who we determined might be interested in the Strategy, were consulted directly.</p> <p>Responses and comments have been noted and used to amend the Strategy where appropriate.</p> <p>The Strategy is now ready for approval by Executive and adoption by Council.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>There are no statutory requirements arising from the proposals.</p>

<p>Financial:</p>	<p>There are none for this report.</p> <p>The objectives set out in the Strategy and the draft High Level Action Plan can be achieved within existing revenue and capital budgets but can be enhanced through successful application of external grants. Continued capital funding has proven to assist bids through match funding. It is recognised however that the aspirations to develop open spaces has to be scaled back in relation to the considerable successes of the previous five years. Whilst some development will still be possible, it is important that limited resources are prioritised to maintain and protect the high quality of provision achieved.</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>The careful and flexible deployment of staff across the department whilst working with partners and the community continues to provide sufficient resources to deliver the aspired outcomes of the strategy.</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>The risks associated with approving (or not) the Strategy and associated proposals relate principally to the Council's ability to contribute to its corporate priorities and to deliver outcomes affecting a wide range of needs.</p>