

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 25 AUGUST 2016

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – NEW DRAFT CHAPTER 1 –  
INTRODUCTION

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

The purpose of this report is:

- To present to Members a new draft Chapter 1 (Introduction) for subsequent incorporation into the final draft District Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE  
PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the draft revised Chapter 1 (Introduction), as detailed in Essential Reference Paper ‘B’ to this report, be agreed as a basis for inclusion in the final draft District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.</b>
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council published its Draft District Plan Preferred Options for consultation for a period of twelve weeks between 27<sup>th</sup> February and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.
- 1.2 The issues raised through the consultation with regard to the Chapter 1 Introduction were considered at the District Planning Executive Panel on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016.
- 1.3 This report presents a redrafted Chapter 1 which has been updated to present an up-to-date introduction to the Plan.
- 1.4 **Essential Reference Paper ‘B’** contains the revised draft chapter.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 Chapter 1 has been rewritten to present an up-to-date introduction to the District Plan.

2.2 The chapter explains what the District Plan is and refers the reader to the extensive evidence base that has informed the Plan. It also contains sections on the duty to co-operate and strategic planning, and sustainable development.

2.3 Members are invited to agree the revised chapter, as detailed in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'** to this report, as a basis for inclusion in the final District Plan, with the content being finalised when the consolidated plan is presented in September 2016.

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Background Papers

Chapter 1 (Introduction) Issue Report – considered by the District Planning Executive Panel on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

<http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=2951&Ver=4>

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