

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 24 MAY 2011

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF
HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TASK AND FINISH
GROUP – FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report presents the Executive response to the key findings and recommendations made by the Community and Public Engagement Task and Finish Group.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE:</u>	
(A)	That the Executive response be approved, as set out in Essential Reference Paper 'B'.

1.0 Background

1.1 On 24 August 2010, Corporate Business Scrutiny set up an East Herts Community and Public Engagement Task and Finish group.

1.2 The purpose of the group was to review the current methods used by the council to engage with the community and the public and recommend a sustainable, cost effective framework/strategy for Community and Public Engagement for the district of East Hertfordshire.

1.3 The group's findings and recommendations were presented to Corporate Business Scrutiny on 22 March 2011 and a copy of their report is attached in **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Executive response takes account of the key findings and recommendations made by the Community and Public

Engagement Task and Finish Group, as well as the recommendations by Corporate Business Scrutiny on 22 March 2011.

2.2 **Essential Reference Paper 'B'** sets out the Executive response to the key findings and recommendations.

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

None.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):</p>	<p>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i></p> <p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improving standards of the built neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Shaping now, shaping the future <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>The Director of Customer and Community Services has been consulted on the attached response.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>Non applicable.</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>All recommendations must be implemented within the resources available.</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>All recommendations must be implemented within the resources available.</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>Non applicable.</p>