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## **NATIONAL NON DOMESTIC RATEPAYERS - CONSULTATION**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To consult with the business community about the Council's plans for the budget strategy for 2003/04.

### **2 CONSIDERATION**

- 2.1 At the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 26 November, Members considered the position statement of the revenue budget and capital programme. These documents have been distributed to the business community invited to this meeting.
- 2.2 This Committee will receive updates on significant issues in relation to the budget at the meeting on the 12 December.
- 2.3 The determination of all issues relating to the budget will be made at Council to be held on the 28 January 2003.
- 2.4 Finally, the total Council Tax for the District will be set at Council on the 25 February 2003 following information on requirements from Essex County Council, Essex Police and the Town and Parish Councils.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the response from the business community be received. (HFS)

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#### **Background Papers:**

None

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