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## LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS - CONSULTATION

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report brings to Members' attention a Government consultation in relation to Local Strategic Partnerships, for information and comment. Views are requested on the consultation by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### 2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Attached as Appendix A is a summary of the consultation now produced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) in connection with the future operation of Local Strategic Partnerships.
- 2.2 The consultation looks at the role of Local Strategic Partnerships, their governance and accountability, and their ability to produce "Sustainable Community Strategies". The Government sees Local Strategic Partnerships as key to the delivery of new Sustainable Community Strategies and the main partnership locally through which Local Area Agreements and other local initiatives will be delivered.
- 2.2 The consultation poses a series of questions – these, together with suggested responses, are attached as Appendix B.
- 2.3 The Consultation has been discussed at the Rochford Local Strategic Partnership and the suggested responses included in Appendix B mirror the comments made by the Partnership on the consultation.

### 3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**, subject to further comments, to endorse the comments contained in Appendix B as the basis of the Council's response to the Government's consultation on Local Strategic Partnerships.

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