

LONG TERM VISION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report formally introduces two consultation papers; one produced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) called “The Future of Local Government”; and one produced by the Local Government Association (LGA) called “Independence, opportunity, trust – an agenda for local communities”. Both are attached for Member consideration and comment.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Both Central Government and the LGA have recently published papers looking into the future of Local Government. The ODPM paper is attached as Appendix 1 whilst the LGA paper is attached as Appendix 2. Both have been produced to stimulate debate over the way forward for Local Government.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Both documents are seen as a starting point and over the coming months, there will be a series of national and regional debates, meetings and seminars to consider the issues raised in both papers more fully. The discussions at these for a will then be taken into account in any future policy development for local government.
- 3.2 At this stage both papers are brought to Members’ attention for information, for any initial views and comments. Clearly, as the agenda rolls forward in coming months, it will be important for the Council as a whole to keep abreast of developments and input as appropriate.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES** to welcome the publications on the future of Local Government now produced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Local Government Association and to participate at Member level at appropriate national and regional events.

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Background Papers:

None

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