



## **AGENDA ITEM: 15**

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
1 December 2011**

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**Report of: Borough Solicitor**

**Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)**

**Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Forshaw**

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**SUBJECT: DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

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Wards Affected: Borough wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To advise on the consultation response sent to the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in respect of the Draft National Planning Policy Framework.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the report at Appendix 1 and the Minutes of the Cabinet and Planning Committee at Appendix 2 and 4 be noted and the response letter to the consultation, attached at Appendix 5, be endorsed.

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### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION**

3.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Borough Planner in respect of a consultation paper from the Department of Communities and Local Government 'Draft National Planning Policy Framework' (Appendix 1) on 13 September 2011. A copy of the Cabinet minute is attached at Appendix 2.

3.2 At its meeting on 29 September 2011 the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee deferred consideration of the report in order for an all Member Briefing to take place on the subject matter which was subsequently held on 5 October 2011. A copy of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee minute is attached at Appendix 3.

- 3.3 Planning Committee considered the report on 6 October 2011. A copy of the Planning Committee minute is attached at Appendix 4.
- 3.4 The deadline for the consultation was 17 October 2011. In order for the consultation deadline to be met, the Borough Planner responded to the consultation on 10 October (Appendix 5), having taken into account the decision of Cabinet and the comments raised at the all Member Briefing and Planning Committee.
- 3.5 Should Members wish to make further comments from the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, these could be forwarded to the CLG.
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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Appendices**

1. Report of the Borough Planner
2. Cabinet Minute – 13 September 2011
3. Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 29 September 2011
4. Planning Committee Minute – 6 October 2011
5. Response letter sent to the DCLG - 10 October 2011.