

**43. DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Transformation as contained on pages 581 to 614 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to inform members of the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its potential implications for the Council's Planning Service and to seek approval for the draft response officers have prepared on behalf of the Council to the consultation on the draft NPPF.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report and the draft NPPF be noted and that the following comments be referred to the Borough Planner for consideration as part of the response to the Government:-

- (i) which outside bodies would be able to produce further guidance documents, and whether they would be appropriate to do so;
- (ii) issues with regard to minerals and shale gas
- (iii) further guidance on flood risks issues should be included in the draft NPPF.