

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	20th June, 2012
3.	Title:	Local Development Framework Spotlight Review
4.	Programme Area:	Resources Directorate

5. Summary

The review sets out the findings and recommendations of the Places Select Commission in relation to their examination of the LDF consultation process undertaken between July and mid September 2011.

The purpose of the main review meeting, held on 7th December 2011, was to debrief Members about how the LDF consultation was received by the wider public and to reflect on any improvements to the consultation process for next time.

The review seeks to make recommendations to support this process and the involvement of officers & elected members in future LDF consultations.

The review was presented to the Overview & Management Board on 27th April 2012 and approved the report.

The report is attached as Appendix A.

6. Recommendations

1. **That Cabinet consider the review and comment on its findings;**
2. **That Cabinet formally respond to the recommendations of the review;**
3. **That this response is received by OSMB within two month's as outlined within the Council's Constitution.**

7. Proposals and Details

The review examined the following areas:

- The relationship between the Community Strategy & the LDF Vision
- The relationship between the LDF Statement of Involvement & the Community Consultation Framework
- The Localism Act 2011 & Neighbourhood Planning
- LDF Consultation Process including:
 - Distribution of information
 - Venues
 - Events
 - Communication & Working Relationships across Directorates, with Partners & external agencies
 - Libraries
 - General Housekeeping / Miscellaneous Issues
 - Managing future consultation

8. Finance

The production of the report is financed from the Scrutiny budget although the recommendations of the review will have financial implications subject to the consideration of Cabinet.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The review recommendations are designed to address the observations made by officers & elected members according to their experience of the LDF consultation process. These are made to further improve the process.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

RMBC Community Strategy
Community Consultation & Involvement (CCI) Framework
Localism Act 2011
LDF Policy Framework

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The report has been circulated to Council officers contributing to the review for their comments.

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