

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE
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**FUNCTIONS AND REMIT OF THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION &
PROTECTION SELECT COMMITTEE**

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of the report

To note the functions and the remit of the Community Information and Protection Select Committee.

2. Functions

2.1 The functions of the Select Committee are:

- i) to scrutinise proposed policies and proposed decisions put to them by the Cabinet or by an Executive Member, and comment on them to Cabinet
- ii) to consider matters referred from meetings of the Council (by way of public petition or motions from members) and make recommendations on them to the Council, Cabinet or Chief Officer
- iii) to scrutinise and make recommendations to the Council, Cabinet or a Chief Officer on particular areas of policy or service delivery which they have chosen to investigate. A Select Committee may not duplicate the work of a Best Value Review or choose for investigation a matter which the Committee have considered within the preceding six months, unless requested to do so by the Cabinet or Council.

3. Remit

3.1 The remit of the Select Committee covers the policies and services of the Council as:

- county planning authority and in relation to the physical and economic environment of the County, including small holdings, Green Belt estates, tourism, rights of way and open spaces
- highway authority, work in relation to traffic and vehicle regulation, public transport, car parking policy and road safety
- waste disposal authority.

4. Procedures

- 4.1 The Standing Orders for Select Committees (set out in Appendix C to the Constitution) allow this select committee to determine their own arrangements for obtaining views from a wide range of sources; they may, if they wish, co-opt non-voting members.
- 4.2 Standing Orders also encourage the Select Committee to reach their conclusions by consensus if that is possible. A vote may, however, be taken if consensus cannot be reached on a particular issue.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background papers used by the author in compiling this report:

Constitution of the County Council adopted 16 May 2000 as amended.