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**Draft Hertfordshire Statement of Community Involvement**

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**1. Purpose Of Report**

- 1.1 To present the first draft of the Hertfordshire Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.2 To agree the aims, objectives, and general content of the report for further revision and submission to Cabinet for approval and consultation.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) must be prepared for County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Framework (MWDF). The MWDF will be made up of several different documents, including the Minerals Development Plan Documents, once prepared and adopted (following adoption of the current review of the Minerals Local Plan).
- 2.2 The SCI needs to be prepared in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 1 – Creating Sustainable Communities, Principles for Community Involvement in Planning. There are various other documents relevant and referred to in the draft SCI, and most embrace and promote the following principles:
  - Community involvement that is appropriate to the level of planning.
  - Front loading of involvement, to ensure involvement at a point where there is a potential to make a difference and experience a sense of ownership of local policy decisions.
  - Use of methods to encourage involvement and participation that is relevant to stakeholders' experience.
  - Clearly articulated opportunities for continuing involvement.
  - Transparency and accessibility.
  - Planning for involvement from the start of the process.
- 2.3 The timetable for preparation, consultation, review and examination of the SCI is outlined in the Introduction. The aim is for adoption by mid 2006.

**3. Conclusion/Recommendation**

- 3.1 That the Panel reviews the aim, objectives, key issues and messages, and engagement strategy outlined in the draft SCI, make suggestions, and agree these.