

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>East of the District Task Group</b>	<b>Item 21</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Executive</b>	
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	N/A	

**Corporate Plan Priority:** This Task Group would support all of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities. The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Corporate Plan priority by: *Virtue of developing an implementing a vision for the East of the District.*

**Purpose of Report:**

- 1) To establish an East of the District Task Group to evolve a vision and strategy for services in the East of the District.
- 2) To agree terms of reference for the Task Group.
- 3) To agree Membership of the Task Group.

**Recommended Action:** To approve the establishment of a Task Group reporting to the Executive and to approve the proposed terms of reference.

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

- To identify gaps in service provision and ascertain the future needs of residents in order to draft a vision and strategy (including an Action Plan) for the East of the District.

**List of other options considered:**

- Not applicable

**Key background documentation:**

- None

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## **Implications**

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- Policy:** This review accords with the Council's Corporate Priority in relation to creating attractive and vibrant areas.
- Financial:** There are no direct financial implications associated with the establishment of a Task Group although in developing the vision and strategy issues will arise that will need funding in the future.
- Personnel:** There are no implications at this stage.
- Environmental:** This proposal accords with the Council's responsibilities under Part 1 of the LGA 200 in relation to promoting the economic, social and environmental well being of the area.
- Equalities:** The strategy is aimed at providing improved access to services in the East of the District and promoting social inclusion.

## Supporting Information

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### 1. Background

- 1.1 Services in the East of the District were the subject of a review by this Council in July 1999 and November 2002. Arising from the recent Annual Scrutiny Conference, it was agreed that there was a need for work to begin on developing a Vision and Strategy for the East.
- 1.2 It is envisaged that the vision and strategy should encompass the following Wards:
- Calcot
  - Westwood
  - Birch Copse
  - Theale
  - Purley on Thames
  - Pangbourne
- 1.3 It is suggested that the following Terms of Reference should be agreed for the Task Group:
- To develop a Vision and Strategy for the East of the District
  - To oversee the implementation of the Vision and Strategy for the East of the District.
- 1.4 It is therefore proposed that a Task Group be comprised of all Ward Members identified in Paragraph 1.2 above.
- 1.5 The following Officers will be supporting the Task Group:
- Corporate Director (Strategy and Commissioning)
  - Head of Culture and Youth
  - Policy and Executive (Strategy and Commissioning)

## Appendices

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None

## Consultation Responses

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<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Consultation with local stakeholders on this specific report has not taken place. Extensive consultation on the Vision and Strategy will take place in due course
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Andy Day
<b>Trade Union:</b>	No consultation has taken place.