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Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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CENSUS 2011

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that a presentation on the Census 2011 will be given which will explain its importance and the role the Council will play in the Census.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the presentation and if felt appropriate to make any recommendations.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Every 10 years the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out a census to find out more about the people who live in England and Wales and about the make up of local neighbourhoods. The Census asks about work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, marital status etc. A presentation giving more detail is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The next Census will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011, when the ONS will be sending out questionnaires for around 25 million households to complete.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The City Council relies on the census population statistics to receive the government funding it needs for public services. How much the Council receives is directly related to how many and what kind of people the census says live in our area, so it is important that everyone takes part.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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