

<b>STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 11</b>
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## **Report of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group**

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL REVIEW – PART TWO**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Committee following the completion of the second part of a scrutiny review of Neighbourhood Councils.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the draft report and if appropriate refer the report to Cabinet on 21 March 2011.

#### **3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 Neighbourhood Councils are contributing to the empowerment and citizenship agenda, which underpins the Sustainable Community Strategy.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At its meeting on 10 November 2010, this Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish group to conduct a review of Neighbourhood Councils on its behalf.

The Task and Finish Group comprises the following members:

- Councillor Burton
- Councillor John Fox
- Councillor Goldspink
- Councillor Khan
- Councillor Sandford
- Councillor Simons
- Councillor Todd

- 4.2 The draft report of the Review Group is attached at Appendix 1.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Any implications are contained within the draft report at Appendix 1.

**6. CONSULTATION**

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken and is detailed in the draft report at Appendix 1.

**7. NEXT STEPS**

7.1 If approved by the Committee the report will be presented to Cabinet on 21 March 2011.

**8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

8.1 Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10 November 2010.

**9. APPENDICES**

9.1 Appendix 1 - Neighbourhood Council Review – Part 2