

## **Joint West of Swindon Steering Group – New Members of the Group Required**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Following the establishment of the new Council this year, this report seeks to ratify and amend the arrangements for membership of the Joint West of Swindon Steering Group.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the following Councillors be made the representatives of North Wiltshire District Council on the Joint West of Swindon Steering Group:**

**Councillor H. M. Dixon;  
Councillor A. J. Trotman;  
Councillor T. A. P. Briggs;  
Councillor M. E. M. Groom; and  
Councillor D. B. Allen**

### **3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan**

- 3.1 The report is directly related to the Corporate Business Plan in respect of the delivery of the Spatial Planning priority area.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1 On the 3rd of November 2005, the Executive agreed the following:

**“Resolved that**

- (1) The Spatial Planning Team Leader, in consultation with the Council’s Legal and Democratic Services Officers, be authorised to establish joint working arrangements with Swindon Borough Council to progress the West Swindon Joint Study; and
- (2) The following Members of this Council be appointed to serve on the West Swindon Joint Study Steering Group:

Councillor H. M. Dixon;  
Councillor A. J. Trotman;  
Councillor T. A. P. Briggs;  
Councillor M. E. M. Groom; and  
Councillor P.G. Allnatt”

- 4.2 Councillor Allnatt has since resigned from the Steering Group. All other Members would continue in that capacity. Councillor Dixon as the Spatial Planning Portfolio Member has recommended that Councillor D. B. Allen be proposed as a replacement. The recommendation is as set out in section 2.

4.3 It should be noted that the working group consists, in addition, of five Members from Swindon Borough Council. It is not a decision making body and its recommendations are presented to each Authority separately according to the standing orders of each Authority.

4.4 The next meeting of the Steering Group will be in June.

**5. Financial Implications**

5.1 The financial implications are broadly similar to the implications arising from the present arrangements.

**6. Human Resources Implications**

6.1 There are no Human Resources implications arising directly from this report

**7. Environmental Implications**

7.1 There are no Environmental implications arising directly from this report, though the subject matter will have a considerable impact on the environment of the north-eastern edges of North Wiltshire.

**8. Community Implications**

8.1 There are community implications arising directly from this report in that the arrangements will directly influence the ability of this Council to respond to the community in the north-eastern part of the District on planning matters and for the continued involvement of the community themselves on influencing the direction of spatial planning within North Wiltshire.

**Documents Used:** Previous Committee Report to Executive, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005.

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING SERVICES STRATEGIC MANAGER TO THE EXECUTIVE -  
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