

8. DRAFT CONSULTATION POLICY

The Committee considered a report from Philippa Joughin (Consultation Project Co-ordinator) and Mary Richardson (Social Policy Analyst) on the Draft Consultation Policy seeking feedback from the Committee on the policy.

The Committee **resolved** to recommend to the Strategy and Finance Committee on Monday 16 June 2003 the following wording changes to the Draft Consultation Policy:

1. That the first sentence be amended to read:

“The Council recognises that it has obligations to “consider seeking views” from the local communities on issues, plans and strategies that may directly or indirectly affect them.”

2. That the second sentence be amended to read:

“This Consultation Policy has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 40 of the Local Government Act 2002, as well as the Council's commitment to making decisions in an open, transparent and democratically accountable way.”