

## 6. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

<b>Responsibility:</b>	Acting Chief Executive, DDI 941-8553
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Secretariat Manager
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to pass a resolution appointing a hearings panel for the purpose of considering the submissions on the draft Community Development Strategy.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on 14 December 2006 the Council resolved:  
*"That formal hearings be held by the Council to hear the submissions on the proposed Community Development Strategy".*
3. Arrangements have since been made for the submissions to be considered at a hearing to be held between 9am and 5pm on Monday 26 February 2007.
4. It has now become apparent that owing to other commitments, many Councillors will be either absent or able to attend only part of the hearing on this date, with the result that a quorum (seven members) cannot be assured.
5. It will therefore be necessary for the Council to rescind the resolution adopted on 14 December 2006 requiring the submissions to be heard by the full Council, and instead appoint a hearings panel for this purpose.
6. The Council is therefore requested to consider the adoption of the resolution set out in the staff recommendations.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no financial implications. Standing Order 2.18.17 provides that any local authority meeting may, on a recommendation contain in a report by the chairperson or chief executive, revoke or alter all or part of any resolution previously passed by the Council.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

- (a) That the following resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting on 14 December 2006 be revoked:  
*"That formal hearings be held by the Council to hear the submissions on the proposed Community Development Strategy".*
- (b) That the Council appoint a hearings panel (comprising the Mayor, and Councillors to be named at the Council meeting) for the purpose of considering the submissions at the hearing to be held on Monday 26 February 2007, and reporting to the Council thereon.