

 Executive 18th March 2009		Agenda Item No.
Title	Approval Process for Core Strategy Preferred Options and Sustainable Community Strategy	
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Service Area	Planning	
Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	3 rd December 2008 Executive – Minute No. 639	
Background Papers	None	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports <u>must</u> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director	25/02/09	Bill Hunt
Chief Executive	26/02/09	Chris Elliott
CMT	26/02/09	
Section 151 Officer	25/02/09	Mary Hawkins
Legal	25/02/09	Peter Oliver
Finance	25/02/09	Marcus Miskinis
Portfolio Holder(s)	02/03/09	Councillor John Hammon
Consultation Undertaken		
None		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the Executive's approval for the process of the Council considering the Core Strategy Preferred Options Paper and Sustainable Community Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Executive resolve that the Core Strategy Preferred Options Paper and Sustainable Community Strategy be taken directly for consideration at Full Council on the 22nd April 2009.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council are required by legislation to prepare a Core Strategy for the District and as part of the process of preparation it is necessary to provide opportunities for the public to participate in the process at key stages. The Council has already undertaken two stages of consultation on the 'Issues' which the Core Strategy must address and the 'Options for Growth'. The next stage is referred to as the 'Preferred Options' and Members resolved at the December Executive to undertake this stage of consultation during Spring 2009.
- 3.2 The Council's constitution and Statement of Community Involvement require full Council approval for the 'Preferred Options' Paper before consultation can take place. In order to enable the Council to fully debate this item together in a more open and transparent manner at a single meeting which the public may attend, it is proposed to take this item directly to the full Council Meeting on the 22nd April. This would remove the need for separate Overview & Scrutiny Committee and then Executive meetings to debate the item before full Council. This would also provide further time for discussion between officers and the Development Plans Working Party.
- 3.3 It is also proposed that, given the close relationship between the Council's Core Strategy and the Warwick District Sustainable Community Strategy these items be considered together to ensure the correct linkages are in place.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

- 4.1 An alternative option would be to take this item through the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Executive before consideration at Full Council. This would delay the process of considering the Core Strategy and result in three separate debates on the item.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There are no budgetary implications associated with this recommendation.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The recommendation conforms with the Council's constitution and its Statement of Community Involvement.