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**Report to**

Cabinet  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

8 February 2005  
16 February 2005

Report of Chief Executive

**Title**

Local Area Agreement - update

**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report supplements the report already circulated to Cabinet by bringing you the latest version of the draft Local Area Agreement (LAA).

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to:

- Note the latest version of the draft Local Area Agreement, attached as Annex 1.
- delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the main Opposition Group to finalise the Agreement through negotiation with Government Office West Midlands.

- 2.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to endorse the decision of Cabinet.

**3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 A draft LAA proposal was circulated with the papers for Cabinet on 8 February 2005. Since then further work has taken place on the draft and the most recent version is attached.

- 3.2 It is appreciated that Members cannot read this in detail today. However, as the report circulated with the agenda asks you to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the document, it was felt important to ensure that Cabinet receive this updated version now. Members are asked to forward comments on the updated draft direct to the Chief Executive by 15 February 2005.

- 3.3 In view of the significance of this item it is also being considered by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on 16 February 2005. As the final draft needs to be submitted to Government Office West Midlands on 17 February 2005, the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee has agreed that any call-ins received about this document will be considered at that meeting.

#### 4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered

- 4.1 It is proposed that Cabinet Members forward any comments on the draft directly to the Chief Executive and delegate authority to her, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the main Opposition Group, to finalise the Agreement through negotiation with Government Office West Midlands.

List of background papers

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Papers open to Public Inspection

**Description of paper**

**Location**

None