

6 : POLICY FRAMEWORK: STATUTORY PLANS

Report of the Cabinet

1 LOCAL AGENDA 21 STRATEGY

- 1 The Cabinet received a report from the Deputy Leader of the Council at its meeting on 8 May 2001 on the Local Agenda 21 Strategy which is a key building block in developing the Council's Community Plan.
- 2 It is a requirement of the Audit Commission to produce an overview of the authority's sustainability performance. The Strategy is a corporate initiative and cuts across all service areas of the County Council. A specific commitment to adopt it by June 2001 is identified in the Local Performance Plan.
- 3 The Strategy is also key to delivering the Council Plan, in particular Strategic Aim 3 'To improve the quality of life in the County and strike the right balance between encouraging prosperity and protecting the environment'.
- 4 An executive summary of the Strategy is attached as Appendix 1. A full version has been sent separately to all Members.

RECOMMENDED

1 That the County Council:

- a Endorse the work carried out to date in developing the Local Agenda 21 Strategy which identifies the County Council's commitment to sustainability;**
- b Adopt the Strategy with immediate effect;**
- c Require that the Strategy be used to inform the preparation of the Council's Community Plan;**

d Agree that the updating of major County Council policy documents will continue to take account of sustainability and well being objectives;

e Note that the actions set out in the Local Agenda 21 Strategy will be delivered from within existing budgets.

2 That an annual progress report be produced, including the consideration of further projects which would significantly enhance the Council's sustainability performance based on the principle of securing external match-funding.