

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Duty to Co-operate</b>		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Officer Management Team</b>	-	<b>Director of Services</b>
	<b>Prepared by</b>	-	<b>Head of Sustainable Development</b>

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report records the interactions that have taken place in relation to the statutory “duty to co-operate”.

## 2 Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 2.1 Because the duty to co-operate is a key element in testing the soundness of plans, this issue links to the Council’s aim of “sustainable and clean environment, protecting our heritage, protecting our future.”

## 3 Background

- 3.1 A report on the “Duty to Co-operate” was presented to the meeting of the SDPAG held on 13 March 2014. The Portfolio Holder agreed that the PAG should receive regular updates on the way in which the duty was being applied.

## 4 Duty to Co-operate Interactions

- 4.1 The attached spreadsheet sets out recent interactions in the form of correspondence, meetings and telephone discussions, setting out comments on work being undertaken by this Council and the ways in which we have responded to other organisations.

## 5 Resources, Risk and Other Implications

- 5.1 This report has no direct cost implications. Ensuring the Council meets its “Duty to Co-operate” is vital in the plan-making process in order to reduce the chance of plans being found to be unsound at Examination. Keeping Members informed and ensuring an appropriate political dimension to interactions via the Portfolio Holder and/or Cabinet is essential.

## 6 Recommendation

- 6.1 This report is for the information of Members.

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	<b>None</b>