



## Council – 23 April 2012

### Future Standards Arrangements at East Northamptonshire Council

#### Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the position regarding the future standards arrangements following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011.

#### Attachment(s) – None

1. Members will be aware that the East Northamptonshire Standards Board, the Policy and Resources Committee and Scrutiny Committee have considered the arrangements to apply from 1 July 2012, when the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 come into effect.
2. A workshop has also been held with Town and Parish Councils and feedback from all meetings was contained in further reports to the Policy and Resources and Scrutiny Committees during this last cycle. The reports contained considerable detail of the proposed arrangements to apply from 1 July.
3. However, the Policy and Resources Committee took the view that a working group of members should be set up to go through the details of the proposals with a view to the final documents being submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 16 May 2012.
4. This proposal is in the form of a recommendation to Council from the Policy and Resources Committee (see minute 461 of the meeting on 2 April). Once this recommendation has been agreed and the composition of the working group known, there will be a need for the group to meet urgently, in order for the full documentation to be submitted with the Summons for the Annual Meeting, which will be despatched on 4 May.
5. It is recommended that this report be noted.

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Localism Act 2011				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b> Previous Reports to Standards Board; Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee on 4 April					
<b>Person Originating Report:</b> Sharn Matthews – Monitoring Officer					
<b>Date:</b> 23/3/12					
<b>CFO</b>		<b>MO</b>		<b>CX</b>	