

**REPORT OF THE LEADER**

**DECISION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report is submitted in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules regarding decisions taken under the Special Urgency Procedure set out in the Constitution (Page 253).

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the decision of the Executive Board on 21 February 2006 in respect of the Local Area Agreement be noted.

**3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The approval of the Local Area Agreement was a key decision, not included in the Forward Plan, which was required to be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands by 21 February 2006, the day of the Executive Board meeting and, for that reason, could not reasonably be deferred to a future meeting.

3.2 In accordance with the Special Urgency Procedure in Rule 15 of the Access to Information Rules, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was obtained for the matter to be considered and a decision taken at that meeting.

3.3 The decision is summarised as follows:-

- (i) approval was given to the main elements of the Local Area Agreement, detailed in the appendix to the report, subject to the inclusion of any further adjustments which might be necessary as a result of final negotiations with the Government;
- (ii) I was authorised to approve the final document to be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands and to sign the agreement;

(iii) the Chief Finance Officer was authorised to approve the financial governance arrangements by 1 April 2006.

**4 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None.

**5 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

Report of Deputy Chief Executive to Executive Board 21 February 2006.

**COUNCILLOR JON COLLINS  
LEADER**