

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

31 March 2006

**PREPARATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNANCE WHITE PAPER 2006 - BRIEFING BY
GOVERNMENT OFFICE SOUTH EAST**

Report by the Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Members consider the Government Office briefing on the proposed White Paper.

1. Cathy Evans (Acting Director, Government Office - South East) has helpfully responded to my request for a briefing on the proposed White Paper with the attached summary. This outline of Government thinking puts the subject in context and enable Members to begin to think about joint working through the Association in future.
2. The debate at today's meeting will be fed into the draft Action Plan for the Association to be considered at the next meeting.
3. The Annex covers the following topics:

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2	Context of the White Paper
3	The three main objectives of the White Paper
4	Consultation
5	Why a White Paper
6	Overview of the six main areas for the White Paper
7-11	Details of each of the main areas

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