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### MINUTES EXTRACT

Present: Councillor Mrs D Holl-Allen MBE (Chairman); Councillors J Butler, P Hogarth MBE, T Hodgson, B Holmes, Mrs G Sleigh, M Parker (sub), P Thomas and M Wilson.

Apologies:

Councillor A Mackiewicz.

Report authors/witnesses in attendance:

Alan Brown (Assistant Director – Highways & Environment, Managed Growth and Communities Directorate).

Mrs Alison McGrory (Assistant Director - Stronger Communities, Managed Growth and Communities Directorate).

Fiona Hughes (Chief Executive of Solihull Community Housing).

Louise Baggott (Places Transformation Project Manager, Managed Growth and Communities Directorate).

External Witnesses in attendance:

None.

Cabinet Members in attendance:

None.

Other Elected Members in attendance by invitation:

None.

## 1. LOCALITY BASED WORKING

In attendance: Mrs Alison McGrory (Assistant Director - Stronger Communities, Managed Growth and Communities Directorate); Fiona Hughes (Chief Executive of Solihull Community Housing) and Louise Baggott (Places Transformation Project Manager, Managed Growth and Communities Directorate).

The Board was invited to consider an overview of the Locality Based Working initiative and identify any recommendations for the continuation of locality working. Fiona Hughes (Chief Executive of Solihull Community Housing) delivered a presentation to the Board which explained the concept of the Locality Working Framework together with work carried out to date.

Officers highlighted the following from the report:

- There were four core elements to the Framework: Leadership with Partners; Tasking and Problem Solving; Planning; and Multi Agency work with Communities and Families.
- Locality Working was adding value by instigating a number of multiagency partnership projects; funding had been identified to benefit small community initiatives with a community safety element; and bringing together knowledge from the multiagency members for each Locality.

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- Measuring the impact was currently being developed and further work was ongoing in relation to that.

The Board made the following observations:

- From the two options within the report, the Board supported Option 2 and that was to continue to implement a Localities Framework “that enabled the Council and partnership organisations to meet expected key outcomes and to make a difference within the Localities”.
- The option of not doing anything did not meet the aims of the partnerships involved. Locality working in Solihull was seen as an opportunity to work collaboratively and innovatively, making best use of the assets held in the local area, whilst helping the wider public sector partnership in collaboration with our communities and members to develop an integrated community model.

The Board made the following **RECOMMENDATIONS** to the **Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities and Partnerships**:

- (i) That, the progress to date on Locality Based Working initiative be welcomed; and
- (ii) That, the Board supports Option 2 to continue to implement a Localities Framework “that enables the Council and partnership organisations to meet expected key outcomes and to make a difference within those Localities”.