Committee: Overview and Scrutiny	Date: 1 September 2009	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item: 8.1
Report of: Corporate Director Aman Dalvi		Title: LDF Core Strategy: Proposed publication of the Core Strategy.		
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1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules require that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be informed of any proposals for adoption of a plan or strategy that forms part of the BPF and that those proposals shall be subject to consultation with O&S Committee Members for a period of not less than 10 working days.
- 1.2 Attached to this Overview and Scrutiny Report is a report to Cabinet regarding the proposed publication Local Development Framework Core Strategy and its supporting evidence base for public consultation. This is the final of three phases of public consultation on the emerging Core Strategy.
- 1.2 Following consultation, the Core Strategy and its supporting evidence base will be submitted to Full Council, with the recommendation that this information be submitted to the Secretary of State. Once it is submitted to the Secretary of State, it will be subject to an Independent Examination by a Planning Inspectorate.
- 1.3 This Independent Examination is the final stage in the process of preparing a Core Strategy. If the Core Strategy is found to be sound by the Planning Inspectorate, the Council will receive a binding report and will be free to adopt the Core Strategy as its principle planning document which will guide development in the borough.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Overview and Scrutiny are recommended to:
 - a) Consider the recommendations included in the attached report to Cabinet;
 - b) Provide any comments to Cabinet on those recommendations.