

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny (Services)

**Date of Meeting:** 11 December 2008

**Report Title:** Communities in Control: Improving Local Accountability  
Consultation

**Report By:** **Graham Belchamber**  
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**Purpose of Report**

To inform members of Hastings Borough Council's response to Government consultation.

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**Recommendation(s)**

1. That members note the report.

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

To inform members of consultation response.

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**Background**

1. Hastings Borough Council was invited to put forward a response to the Government's consultation on Communities in Control: Improving Local Accountability.
2. The appended letter dated 24 October 2008 is the response sent on behalf of Hastings Borough Council to the proposals stated in the consultation document.

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**Wards Affected**

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

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**Area(s) Affected**

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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**Policy Implications**

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

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**Supporting Documents**

Appendix A: Consultation response letter.

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