



Report to: Cabinet

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The Sustainable Communities Act allows local authorities to submit suggestions to the Local Government Association for issues that they would like the Government to take action on to improve the economic, social or environmental well being of their area.

The LGA will then shortlist from suggestions received from across the country for submission to the Government. Before a bid can be made to the LGA, however, a local authority must first establish a panel of representatives of local persons and consult it about any proposal.

The Secretary of State has now invited bids to be made to the LGA; the closing date for these bids is 31 July 2009.

It is not clear at this stage what type or scale of proposal is likely to be successful. There are no proposals currently in prospect with the Council it is, therefore suggested that the Council keep a watching brief on the progress of the process with a view to submission of a proposal in the next bidding round.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet note the provisions of the legislation and keep these under review for future bids.