



# WNDC Board Report

## Report by Chief Operating Officer

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Agenda Item: 5

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**Subject:** Operational Report

**Advice:** That the Board:

1. **Disband** the Northampton, Daventry and Towcester Area Planning Committees
2. **Endorse** the report

## 1. Health & Safety

1.1 There have been no issues to report since the last Board meeting.

## 2. Planning Committees

2.1 The Corporation's planning powers will be returned to the local authorities on 31 March 2012. It is therefore recommended that Board members agree to disband the Committees it set up to exercise these powers on its behalf on this date. These are the Northampton Area Planning Committee (NAPC), Daventry Area Planning Committee (DAPC) and Towcester Area Planning Committee (TAPC).

2.2 **That the Board disband NAPC, DAPC and TAPC, with effect from 31 March 2012.**

## 3. Transparency / Freedom of Information requests

3.1 We continue to publish spend over £500 on our website and on [www.data.gov.uk](http://www.data.gov.uk). Updated senior staff pay and a staff structure as of 30 September 2011 have also been published.

3.2 We have had no Freedom of Information requests since the last Board meeting. Information on all WNDC expenditure, including consultancy spend, is contained in our Annual Report & Accounts, which are available on our website.

## 4. Complaints, compliments and comments

4.1 Feedback from members of the public, whether in the form of complaints, compliments or comments, is a key mechanism for driving continuous improvement within the Corporation, as it provides an external view on the effectiveness of our procedures and how well they are being implemented. Further details on our policy can be found at <http://www.wndc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Making-complaints-comments-compliments.pdf>

4.2 We have had no complaints or compliments since the last meeting and all previous complaints are closed.

## 5. Appendices

5.1 None