WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

<u>CABINET MEETING</u> 24TH JANUARY 2008

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 9TH JANUARY 2008

THE HARVINGTON CONSERVATION AREA – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Members received a report on the results of consultation on the proposed conservation area appraisal for the Harvington Conservation Area.

The draft Appraisal and background information was considered by the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 10th October 2007, Members recommended at this point that the conservation area appraisal be subject to a public consultation to gauge the opinion of all affected persons and that a further report should be submitted to the Committee at the end of the consultation period.

The public consultation ran between 2nd November 2007 and 14th December 2007, and included delivery of a small pamphlet to residents, land owners and all amenity groups with a vested interest in the area. In addition to this a display copy of the Character Appraisal was displayed in the foyer of the Worcestershire Hub in Kidderminster Town Hall for the duration of the consultation period, the Character Appraisal was also published on the Council's web site on 2nd November 2007.

Members noted that three responses to the consultation had been received, all of which were supportive of the draft Appraisal. Discussion took place on the comments received from Rev. D A Higham regarding the trees in the Churchyard. Members felt that it would be appropriate for the Church to plant Yew trees in the Churchyard as these were the traditional churchyard tree. Members felt that when the Yew Trees reach sufficient maturity the existing pine trees could be removed.

RECOMMEND TO CABINET:

The Harvington Conservation Area Character Appraisal be approved.