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**Portfolio Holder (Environment & Economy)  
Decision Making Session  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
HS2 Submission to Transport Select Committee**

**Report of the Strategic Director for  
Environment and Economy**

**Recommendation**

**That the Portfolio Holder approves the attached statement ,as the County Council's submission to the Transport Select Committee, into the strategic case for HSR and agrees to the endorsement of a submission on behalf of the 51m group, with WCC as a signatory.**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The HS2 members steering group , at its meeting on 27.4.11 , agreed to support a 51m response to the Transport Select Committee, along with submitting a separate short submission from WCC. 51m is the group of Local Authorities, including WCC who have come together to oppose HS2. At the time of writing this report, the 51m submission is still awaited. Officers have inputted into the draft report and are satisfied that the content is consistent with WCC's policy stance on HS2 todate. In addition WCC officers have prepared a short statement (attached as Appendix 1), which highlights 4 specific matters to the TSC , covering comments on the business case, strategic route , economic rebalancing and impact. The 51m submission covers these , and more, in great detail. It is not therefore the intention of the WCC submission to duplicate, but instead to highlight some specific matters to the inquiry.

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## 2. Financial implications

2.1 There are no financial implications of the report and response, beyond those already covered by the existing HS2 budget.

## 3. Next Steps

3.1 The submission deadline for responses to the TSC is 16<sup>th</sup> May. The Inquiry date has not yet been fixed. Membership of the Select Committee comprises:

| Member                                    | Party               | Constituency                     |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Mrs Louise Ellman</a> (Chair) | Labour/Co-operative | Liverpool<br>Riverside           |
| <a href="#">Steve Baker</a>               | Conservative        | Wycombe                          |
| <a href="#">Jim Dobbin</a>                | Labour/Co-operative | Heywood and<br>Middleton         |
| <a href="#">Mr Tom Harris</a>             | Labour              | Glasgow South                    |
| <a href="#">Julie Hilling</a>             | Labour              | Bolton West                      |
| <a href="#">Kwasi Kwarteng</a>            | Conservative        | Spelthorne                       |
| <a href="#">Mr John Leech</a>             | Liberal Democrat    | Manchester<br>Withington         |
| <a href="#">Paul Maynard</a>              | Conservative        | Blackpool North<br>and Cleveleys |
| <a href="#">Gavin Shuker</a>              | Labour/Co-operative | Luton South                      |
| <a href="#">Iain Stewart</a>              | Conservative        | Milton Keynes<br>South           |
| <a href="#">Julian Sturdy</a>             | Conservative        | York Outer                       |

3.2 Members will be kept informed of responses and any subsequent actions.

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