

**23 April 2012****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR SUE SADDINGTON****WATER AND GAS EMISSIONS FROM DISUSED MINES DRAFT FINAL  
REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide the Communities and the Environment Standing Committee with the final report of the study group examining water and gas emissions from disused mines.

**Information**

2. The Communities and the Environment Standing Committee agreed to include in its programme of work a review that would examine the issues associated with water and gas emissions from disused mines.
3. Members received substantial briefing from departmental officers and external attendees in order to inform the review.
4. Members have now completed the review and have developed a final report. The findings of the review will be reported at the meeting and a copy of the final report is attached as an appendix to this report. (Comments from the Coal Authority and the Environment Agency will be reported orally at the meeting)
5. The report is based upon the analysis of evidence received by Members throughout the review. The Communities and the Environment Standing Committee is invited to consider the findings and refer them to the relevant decision makers including, if appropriate, the portfolio holder or successor committees.

## **Recommendations**

6. It is recommended that:

- the Communities and the Environment Standing Committee agree the final report subject to the Chair of the review agreeing the final text of any amendments
- a response be sought to any recommendations in the final report within two months.

**Councillor Sue Saddington**

**Chair of the Communities and the Environment Standing Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected All**